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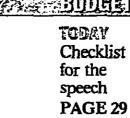
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British drivers

mount their

own blockade

in Calais

By Ben Macintyre in Paris and Bill Frost

BRITISH lorry drivers

trapped in Calais by their

striking French counterparts

lost patience yesterday and

mounted a counter-blockade,

insisting that no tourist traffic

would be allowed to move

through the port until the

French drivers allowed them

As the bitter dispute be-

tween French lorry drivers

and hauliers over pay and

working conditions entered its eighth day, the strikers intens-

ified their protest by blockad-ing the ports of Calais and

Boulogne, stopping trucks from crossing the Franco-German border and setting up

lorry-barricades on more than

160 major roads across the

The strike showed signs of

spreading to other sectors as the Communist-led CGT

union called on members to

rally at the strikers' barricades

in a "day of action" tomorrow

and the powerful rail unions

declared solidarity with the

At Calais the French lorry

drivers allowed cars and bus-

es to pass through, but yester-

day afternoon 20 stranded

British lorry drivers moved

access, compounding the trav-el problems caused by the

closure of the Channel tunnel

closed. Why should we be

stranded and the tourists

allowed through? Why should

the French strand us and not

everyone else? one British

In contrast, some British drivers left their cabs to join

the ranks of the French dem-

onstrators while others head-

ed to Belgian ports in an bid to

cross the Channel only to run

into new blockades at the

"The port of Calais is now

to all but freight trains.

lorry driver said.



Belgian border. The British

counter-blockade was later

lifted, but the truckers vowed

to reimpose it at unless the

Many British drivers and

small haulage companies say

they are being ruined by the

dispute as cargoes are left to

rot in stranded lorries. Sir

George Young, the Transport

Secretary, pledged govern-

ment action to ensure compen-

sation claims are quickly dealt

with by the French authorities.

The Freight Transport Asso-

ciation wrote to John Major

demanding that he intervene

personally to end "this wholly

unlawful behaviour" by the

French. A spokesman estimat-

ed that the dispute had cost

A German truck driver was

seriously injured when his

lorry was stoned near the

eastern town of Chalon-sur-

Saone and he had to undergo

emergency surgery. The own-

er-driver, from the Stuttgart

area was hit on the head as he

drove towards a roadblock

being set up by strikers. He

managed to stop his truck on

the hard shoulder and sum-

mon assistance. Four men are

their cabs to join the ranks of

the French demonstrators

while others headed to Belgian

ports in an attempt to cross the

Channel, only to run into new

blockades at the Belgian

cordiale, French drivers invited their British colleagues

to cross their picket line and

join in a buffet of bread, ham

and beer last night in the 100-

yard gap between the French

and British blockades at

Fuel crisis grows, page 10

being questioned.

British hauliers £3 million.

dispute was resolved.

Debate promised on single currency

Clarke takes the steam out of Euro row

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE bought the Government time over Europe yesterday when he told MPs that he would seek conner-bottomed guarantees that Brussels would not interfere in the British economy if it did not join a single currency. The Chancellor also promised that no binding political decisions would be taken by finance ministers meeting in Dublin on Monday, and that the Commons would hold an extended debate on the new

currency next month. His pledges, issued during a tense session in the Commons, appeared to take the steam out of a row that had threatened to overshadow his Budget today. Eurosceptics had accused ministers of stifling debate

over regulations which they fear could mean Britain being subjected to Brussels disciplines — including fines for running excessive budget deficits - even if it did not take part in monetary union.

Asked by John Redwood to included a declaration that apply, the Chancellor promised to seek the "best possible text" that put any doubts to rest. "I agree it has to be seen



off that blancmange is going up"

to be copper-bottomed, or as

Gerald's had a tip-

copper-bottomed as we can get As he spoke, John Major was seeing leaders of the 1922 Committee, whose chairman. Sir Marcus Fox, voiced MPs' concerns about ministers' handling of the affair. The Government but told them such sanctions would not that it had agreed to demands for a longer debate - probably the week after next - and the Chancellor told MPs: "No

binding decisions will be tak-Kinnock becomes the prime suspect

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE indicated in the Commons that he suspected that Neil Kinnock was behind the leaking of a confidential Treasury docu-ment which fuelled the latest Tory row over the single

The document was pro-duced specifically for Mr Kinnock and Sir Leon Brittan, the two British EU Commissioners, at the personal direction of Mr Clarke. It was subsequently leaked to The Sunday Times. Only four copies were sent to Brussels one each for the commission-

ers and a copy for their respective Chef de Cabinets. The Chancellor left few MPs in any doubt about the result of the swiftest Whitehall mole inquiry in recent times when he suggested he would not be able to pass on any more sensitive document to Mr

Markets surge Financial markets were in a

Budget with the FTSE 100 up 35.9 at 4054.6 Page 25

The Times on the Internet

http://www.the.times.co.uk

Kinnock, the former Labour leader who is now Transport

Aides of Mr. Kinnock denied the accusation Philip Lowe, the Chef de Cabinet to Mr Kinnock, said: "It is not true. Neil Kinnock never even saw the document. Nor did L"

But as Treasury officials raged over the breach of confidence, it emerged that they had not marked the paper private or confidential went to all sorts of people in Brussels," said one EU official. "They were lying around all over the place."

Mr Clarke told the Commons that he suspected that Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, was also involved. "The fact that Mr Brown was waving it about and has revealed it, makes me think that Sir Leon Brittan is proba-bly in the clear," he said.

en in any forum until that debate has taken place." Goveriment sources said later that the vote on the single

currency regulations would be held after that debate.

Last night MPs were still angry with the Prime Minister and his colleagues for bringing trouble upon themselves by trying to avoid the debate. But the Chancellor's gamble of subjecting himself to an 80minute cross-examination on the floor of the Commons had clearly paid off.

Senior Conservatives felt that his subdued approach had won the Government breathing space and persuad-ed sceptical MPs that he recognised their concern that he should take account of Parliament's wishes before making any lasting deals in his European negotiation.

The Chancellor made plain that at Dublin he would be arguing for changes in the 'stability pact" - the rules governing the economic per-

countries He said: "I have been arguing throughout that the fines should not be excessive. We do not want BSE-crisis type financial obligations imposed on countries already struggling to cope with excessive deficits, and procedures should be reasonably flexible and should at all times be under the control of the coun-

cil of Ministers."

Mr Clarke, who attacked recent "highly misleading" press reports, also announced that he was releasing some confidential documents to show that he was serious about welcoming the opportu-nity for a full and informed debate. "Whether we are in or out (of EMU), my concern is and will remain to respect the position and traditions of this Parliament and our indepen-

dent nation state," he said. He was helped by his predecessor. Norman Lamont, who agreed that plans for a German-sponsored "stability pact" imposing fines on EMU members with big budget deficits would not bind Britain. Mr Lamont added, however, that if Britain did join as Mr Clarke wanted - the Continued on page 2, col 4

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Bernadette McAliskey daughter detained

CORRESPONDENT

THE eldest daughter of Bernadette McAliskey, the former nationalist MP, is facing extradition to Germany on charges connected to the IRA mortar attack on the British Army barracks in Osnabrück

in June. German federal prosecutors said yesterday that Roisin McAliskey, 25, a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, was wanted for questioning about attempted murder and possessing explosives.

Miss McAliskey, who shouldered the coffin of the terrorist leader Dominic "Mad Dog" McGlinchey after he was shot dead in a republican feud in 1994, is accused of being a member of an IRA cell which planned and carried



Bernadette Devlin at the age of 21

injury when terrorists fired three mortars from a Ford Transit van at the Quebec barracks in Osnabrück on June 28. One of the bombs fell harmlessly out of its launcher, a second failed to explode and the third went about 15 yards into the base. German police

A SPECIALIST diving team

was flown to the Comoros

Islands yesterday night to

retrieve the remaining bodies

from the wreckage of the

hijacked Ethiopian Airlines

Boeing 767 that crashed on

Last night the rescuers were

checking reports that a six-

month old baby had been

found alive after being washed

up on a beach more than a

mile from the wreckage. The

baby was said to be in in a

cushioned baby-bed and its

parents were also reported to

Comoran rescue workers

used hand-held chainsaws

and hacksaws in a bid to

have survived.

a former British soldier, as one of the chief suspects. He is

still on the run. A warrant for Miss McAliskey's extradition was sworn yesterday before Bow Street magistrates in London. and sent to Belfast last night where Miss McAliskey has been in police custody since last Wednesday. She is expected to be flown to London in the next few days to appear before the court.

Miss McAliskey was arrested by the RUC last week at her mother's house near Coalisland, Co Tyrone. The RUC searched the house yes-

terday. Mrs McAliskey, 49, became Britain's youngest woman MP when, as Bernadette Devlin, she took her seat on her 22nd birthday in 1969. Yesterday she denied that her daughter had ever visited Germany.

extract bodies trapped in the

wreckage of the plane's mid-

section. Seven Britons were

among the 122 people who

Two men held by police in

the Comoros as suspected

hijackers may be released

today, a government spokes-man in the capital, Moroni,

He said the men were now

believed to have been innocent

passengers, and would be

released if officials could con-

firm this. When the suspects

were shown to the plane's first

officer he told them they were

Before the crash, page (

said last night.

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Surgeons' president attacks advertising by consultants

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE president of the Royal College of Surgeons today accuses the General Medical Council of jeopardising Brit-ain's health-care system by Howing hospital consultants

to advertise to the public. Sir Rodney Sweetnam says the decision of the profession's regulatory body to allow specialists to tout for business in newspapers and magazines will prompt patients to bypass their GPs or demand referral to a particular consultant. This will undermine good general practice" and lead to patients being treated by specialists who are ignorant of their medical background, Sir

Rodney says in a letter to The

The GMC's decision to allow advertising by consultants, taken at a meeting on November 5, was prompted by the recognition that increasing numbers of specialists were flouting the existing guidelines by including details of their services in Yellow Pages. A briefing for the council said that this flouting of the guidelines was now so common that the GMC did not have the resources to take action

against the culprits. Sir Rodney said yesterday: "I think that is a terrible admission. You have the GMC - the controller of us all saying that although the guidance is being breached they haven't got the resources to deal with it. That is unbelievable. It is pathetic.

"If you have a regulatory authority issuing guidelines that it hasn't got the resources to monitor, there is something fundamentally wrong."

Sir Donald Irvine, president of the GMC and a former GP. said last night that the council wanted patients to have the best information about specialist care while protecting them from exploitation.

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clouds had blown away. I have been brought to this House," said Kenneth Clarke, by weekend newspaper reports, some of whose contents

further from the truth. It was loyal Government backbench-. ers who had been whipped in by the Sunday newspapers. Tory MPs were concerned that if the position really was said, they had better come one, the Cabinet's friends stood up. Tom King (Bridgwater), a sort of Sir Bufton Tufton with Privy Council knobs on, weighed in helpfully at the outset. Sir Terence Higgins (Worthing), a thinking-man's Sir Button. brought praise for Mr Clarke. Tim Renton (Sussex Mid), a culture-lover's Sir Bufton, was sure Clarke was right. David Hunt (Wirral W) and John Butterfill (Bournemouth W),

The Chancellor seems to have friends among the Opposition too: Labour's Giles Radice (Durham N) echoed his views.



drew blood, being by implication as critical of their own

front bench as of the Govern-

only a draft agreement. But the key to Clarke's survival yesterday lay in the way potential troublemakers

And, like any accomplished street magician, Kenneth didn't he? "Ocooh!" squealed MPs, as Clarke told us that two men. Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock, had the papers - and it wasn't Sir Leon wot

Fatter by the day as his predecessor Lord Lawson grows thinner, Kenneth Clarke has become a weightwatcher's portrait of Dorian Grey. Throughout, he adopted that air of exasperated rationality which he has made his trademark, every third word emphasised beyond any weight it could possibly bear, and every sentence ending on a sort of breathless squeak. For him. the whole afternoon was a breathless squeak. Mr Clarke

PM backs England to host World Cup

John Major pledged his personal support to Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, last night for plans to bring the World Cup to England in 2006 on the fortieth anniversary of the Wembley triumph over West Germany. The commitment came after an hour of talks at Downing Street between the Prime Minister and a delegation from the Football Association, led by Mr Hoddle.

Further detailed talks will be held with the Government within the next two weeks. But Mr Major's support will be an important boost for the FA, which is facing competition from Germany to stage the championships, who last hosted it in 1974. Mr Major has agreed to demonstrate his support for the FA bid by holding a Downing Street reception ahead of next February's World Cup qualifying match against Italy. Mr Major, an avid football fan, occasionally watches Chelsea which was managed by Mr Hoddle until he was given the England post earlier this year.

Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA who was part of the delegation, said: "I am very happy that the Prime Minister has indicated that he is very keen and will strongly support the bid in principle."

Fayed costs hit £54,000

A government legal bill of nearly £54,000 as a result of the appeal by the Fayed brothers over their applications for British citizenship was disclosed by the Home Office. Defending the Home Secretary's decision to deny citizenship to the Egyptian-born brothers cost £53,915 up to October 28. Final costs of the case will be higher.

Hospital 'cone' criticised

An NHS hospital facing spending cuts and possible job losses has been criticised for plans to erect a revolving neon cone outside its main entrance. The multi-coloured 25st cone is to be placed on a hillside overlooking St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight. The £55,000 cost is being met by the National Lottery and private funding.

Organ scholar injured

An organ scholar at Trinity College, Cambridge, is on a life-support machine in Addenbrooke's Hospital after hitting his head, in an accident after a party. Tom Blunt. 19. fell as he tried to climb out of the fountain in Great Court. He underwent emergency brain surgery to try to stem internal bleeding.

Disneyland boy dies

A teenager who helped to spearhead a muscular dystrophy research campaign has died on the flight home from a holiday in Disneyland. Tom Willett, 14, was the last of three brothers to succumb to a rare form of the disease. He had been taken to Florida by the charity Cloud Nine and died an hour before the plane landed at Gatwick.

Spitfire for Glasgow

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has announced plans to transfer a Spitfire to the City of Glasgow Museums to mark the part by played by Scottish squadrons during the Second World War. At the Scottish Grand Committee in Cupar, Fife, Mr. Portillo praised the "valiant acts" by 602 City of Glasgow and 603 City of Edinburgh equadrons.

Reynolds cuts costs

Albert Reynolds, the former Irish Prime Minister, will not have to pay all the estimated £1 million costs of his libel action against The Sunday Times. Mr Justice French held that the paper's defence of qualified privilege was not justified, so Mr Reynolds should not pay costs incurred by the paper before it paid a £5,005 settlement offer into court.

Peak District rescue

Two boys who disappeared overnight in blizzard condi-tions in the Peak District were found safe yesterday after one walked ten miles through snow. Philip McKernan, 13, was found collapsed by the A537. James Forder, 15, had camped in a snowhole. In Snowdonia, six scouts and their two leaders trapped for 24 hours were airlifted to safety. Harris Harris 1

Medieval priory found

Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of a rare 13th-century priory inside St Werburgh's at Warburton near Altrincham in Cheshire, a church thought to date from the i6th century. Manchester University researchers stambled across the priory of the ascetic Premonstratensian order while examining the interior of the Grade II listed church.

Soccer miss-match

A ten-year-old footballer missed a chance of joining Leeds United when the club discovered the player was a girl. Delana Morton, from Chapeltown, Leeds, was spotted at a training session. It was only when an invitation was sent to attend a trial that officials learnt the truth. A club official said: "She was very good — like one of the lads."

Desert island windfall

The little-known Cambridge duo Ezio, whose album track Cancel Today was chosen by Tony Blair as one of his desert island discs, are enjoying an unaccustomed burst of interest. Record company executives were quencing up for the signatures of Ezio Lunedei and Mark Fowell. "If I wasn't a Labour voter before, I certainly am now," Mr Lunedei said.

Continued from page 1 fines and scrutiny would apply and "this House is entitled to dehate the level of the fines, the flexibility and inflexibility of the system.

noon. If it had been, this needless row would have been Mr Redwood described Mr

Clarke's promise as "a good day's work", adding: "I am delighted that the Chancellor is going to seek a more copperbottomed text as there are still

real worries that more control will be taken over the British economy if these regulations

go through unamended." Other sceptics, however, re-served judgment, John Town-end, chairman of the 92 Group of rightwing Tories. said that he was suspicious of Europe and that opt-outs were not guarantees. Britain had won an opr-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty, but the 48-hour maximum working week was still being imposed through the

courts, he said. "We're no

further on. The Government is still saying it's keeping its

options open.*

Bill Cash, however, said that a few days ago backbenchers were not getting the scrutiny of European business that they had been promised, We've now had a statement, and we are also now going to have a debate. We got progress."

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nephew dies in crash Lieutenant Worsley served in Bosnia from September last year to February this year. He is understood to have been awarded two service medals for his time there, because his service overlapped the period between the force commanded by the United Nations and the subsequent Nato-led Implementation Force. He was due to be deployed with his regi-ment to Northern Ireland in

Worsley: veteran of Bosnia campaign

difficult to come to terms with

the tragedy."
Major Marcus Browell, second-in-command of the Light Dragoons, who have been repeatedly deployed to Bosnia last night: The Light Dragoons mourn the loss of the two excellent officers at the beginning of promising careers. They were popular with er and sisters are finding it the soldiers and officers alike."

Uppingham public school, and joined the Light Dragoons in August 1994 after attending Sandhurst. He was third of four children. Another uncle. Sir Marcus Worsley, 5th baronet, was deputy chairman of the National Trust, and was a Conservative MP in Keighley

Lieutenant Worsley was born Il years after the royal wedding in York Minster be-tween his aunt Katharine

Worsley and the Duke of Kent.

Brancote preparatory school

in Scarborough and at

He was educated at

January.

Clarke defuses Euro row

That has not been debated adequately until this after-

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Inflating chancellor squeaks out of tight spot cofingate fizzled out so often happens at widely billed Commons occasions, by the time MPs had gathered for the storm, the

bore not the faintest resemblance to reality.

Nothing could have been as critical for the Govern-

there when you need them, had supportive words for the

And that was just the Tories,

while Kevin McNamara (Kingston upon Hull N) was far from hostile. Interestingly, Clarke's Shadow, Gordon Brown, put in a slightly awkward performance - perhaps aware that he faced the same criticisms from his own backbenchers as the Chancellor did from his, Dennis Skinner (Bolsover), Peter Shore (Bethnal Green & Stepney) and Tony Benn (Chesterfield) then proved it. They hardly

event, rather than assess its fruits which, he said, would be

ment's. There was another respect in which the press had saved Mr Clarke. So ominous had been the weekend cries of "foul" and "offside" that it was not difficult for a politician of Clarke's abilities to persuade MPs that the case had been wildly overstated. In particular, he was able to dismiss with force the argument that Parliament could direct his negotiating strategy before the

pulled their punches. Once Norman Lamont had inquired rather than attacked, John Redwood had asked for an assurance he was able to give, and Bill Cash had huffed and puffed - but no more - we knew the Chancel-

Clarke had a clever distraction ness to strike which lies al-Mr Clarke, the Chancellor started a new hare running

ready. With wit, without direct accusation, but with a willingways beneath the surface with yesterday, for MPs and for the ress. Did Neil Kinnock leak

the offending document or

Whitehall hotel plan 'is gift to terrorists'

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT A SCHEME to convert a former Treasury building overlooking Whitehall into an hotel came under fierce criticism last night from MPs worried about the threat of

Ministers are close to completing a £200 million deal which will allow the building on the corner of Parliament Square to be taken over by Exchequer Partnership, a private company. A third of it is to be leased back by the

Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury Permanent Secretary. confirmed that the company planned to turn the front of the building, overlooking the Houses of Parliament, and the



Sir Terence: said security bodies had not objected

offices, overlooking St James's Park, into hotel accommoda-MPs immediately accused

senior civil servants of failing to check the security implications of allowing a hotel to overlook Parliament and a route frequently used by the Royal Family. Diane Abbott, a Labour MP, accused Sir Terence of ignoring the dangers of allowing a hotel "within a mortar bomb's throw of

She claimed that there would be serious dangers with cars left in an area in which parking is prohibited: "If I were an IRA terorist, the first thing I would do is book a permanent suite," she said.

Other MPs on the Treasury Select Committee also questioned Sir Terence over the security advice he had been given. Sir Terence insisted: We have consulted people with responsibility for security and they have raised no objections.

He admitted that his department could not prevent the conversion. "It is essentially a matter for Exchequer." He said that any plans for hotel accommodation would need planning permission, al-though the local authority would not have responsibility

for security matters. The Grade II listed building would become one of the foremost residential, hotel and private office sites in London if permission is secured. The refurbishment, which would be completed by 2001, is the biggest project under the Pri-



The Treasury building overlooking Parliament. "If I were a terrorist, I would book in at once" said one MP Sir Terence defended the Government against accusations that only one tender was formally considered, after the

would have preferred addi-

tional competition. Although

only rival company failed to meet a deadline.
Labour MPs warned that taxpayers could have lost money through the absence of a competitive bid. Sir Terence insisted that the correct procedures had been followed, al-though he admitted that he

vate Finance initiative to involve a government building an interest in taking on the Treasury building, four of the eight short-listed candidates were quickly found to be unsuitable. Of the four, two dropped out of the bidding process before fee bids were sought and the only rival to

Exchequer failed to meet the deadline by hours. Sir Terence refused to answer questions about the detailed cost of the new contract. insiting that it should remain confidential until the deal is finally completed, which will

By MICHAEL EVANS

A NEPHEW of the Duke and

Duchess of Kent died with a

fellow Army officer yesterday

in a car accident in Germaný.

was travelling with Lieutenant Sebastian Partington on the way to their Light Dragoons base near Hanover in the

early hours of the morning

notoriously dangerous road in

a training area. Both men had served with distinction in Bos-

Lieutenant Worsley's 69year-old father, Oliver, is the

brother of the Duchess of

Kent, and his mother was

formerly Penelope Fuller of the brewery family in London.

Mr Worsley was given the news as he flew home from

visiting relatives in Canada.

A friend of the family, who

live in Heslington, near York,

said: "Richard lived for the

Army. He packed a lot in to his

few years. His parents, broth-

Lieutenant Richard Worsley

probably be early next year.
Sir Terence admitted that the costs to the Treasure of costs to the Treasury of renting the new office accommodation would be higher than the current £25 million, but denied reports that it would be as high as £15 million.

However, he said the higher costs were due to the private company taking on responsibility for maintenance and other services. Ministers de-cided to allow the private sector to take on the running of the Treasury building after being told that it required

Kents mourn as Army

☐ Betty Boothroyd, the Speak-er of the House of Commons, was last night urged to investigate and report on the effect privatisation of HM Stationery Office has had on the production of Hansard, the daily parliamentary bulletin. Derek Foster Labour's public service spokesman, last night wrote to the Speaker following news that the Statio-nery Office which was sold to Electra Fleming last month was seeking 950 redundancies out of the 2,500 workforce.

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BA public relations man sues over dirty tricks allegations

A FORMER public relations manager for British Airways containing potentially damaginformation about Richyesterday began a High Court ard Branson, Virgin Atlantic libel action over claims in a Airways' head, and taped conversations with journalists book that he was a liar who masterminded a smear camin which Mr Basham admits paign against Virgin Atlantic. he would like to see damaging Brian Basham, 52, is sning stories about Virgin in the the author and publisher for

"substantial damages" over allegations in Dirty Tricks: Patrick Milmo, QC, for Mr Basham, said his client had British Airways War Against co-operated fully with Mr Virgin Atlantic that he was a Gregory; hoping that the truth professional "pedlar of lies", a "dodgy PR" man, and about the bitter commercial war between the airlines would finally be told. Instead he found his reputation dedissembler who had constantly fed to the press stories about British Airways that he knew stroyed, Mr Milmo said.

Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and thor, and Little, Brown, the Milmo that Mr Basham had publisher, deny libel. They say already been made a scapethier claims are shown to be true by a report circulated by Mr Basham to journalists goat by British Airways' management and publicly blamed after its libel loss in 1993 to

An Ulsterman and

staunch Unionist, David

Burnside, 44, was em-ployed as British Air-

ways' PR executive at

£140,000 a year. He en-joyed a close relationship with Lord King and

worked hard to protect the company's image. He left BA in 1993 when the

relationship soured over the Virgin "dirty tricks" affair and has continued

to work in public rela-tions. Journalists contin-

ne to suspect his hand behind initiatives close to

his political heart and

KING

Lord King stepped down

as chairman of British Airways six months earli-

er than expected as the Virgin "dirty tricks" af-fair raged. He left the hot

to apologise to Richard Branson and pay 13.5 million in damages and

legal costs. Aged 78, he remains ebullient, genial

and pugnatious in turn,

a legendary figure in the

creation of BA as a world

beater. As chairman he

carned £670,000 and

shares worth £700,000;

and had a chanficur-

driven Bentley.

ess interests.

BASHAM BURNSIDE

A public relations man of Fleet Street legend and a streetlighting fixer, Bri-an Basham combines support for the Labour Party with a taste for Savile Row suits. The son of a butcher in Catford. southeast London, he left school with a handful of O levels and rose to prominence with his own PR company, advising, among others, Robert Maxwell, the Saatchis Mohamed Al Fayed, and Ernest Saunders. He now heads a company promoting, among other accounts, British beef.

Martyn Gregory, the au-

MARSHALL

Sir Colin Marshall succeeded Lord King as chairman of British Airways in 1993, having helped to steer the com-pany through privalisa-tion in 1987 as chief public school at 17 to become a cadet purser for the Orient Steam Navigation Company and built his reputation as a formidable businessman in the 60s and 70s at the car hire firm Avis under the advertising logan "we try harder" He took over as Presideat of the CBI this year.

AYLING

The current chief executive of British Airways, Robert Ayling, 50, is a tough free marketeer with a zeal for the deal. Born in Battersea, south London, the son of a grocer, he rose from being an articled clerk to chief executive of one of the world's biggest air-tines and part of the new agement to take the company into the new millen-nium. He lives in with his wife Julia, a textile printer, and has three children

BRANSON

The inspiration behind the Virgin chain of busi-nesses, Richard Branson is a charismatic entrepreneur who likes to bring his own brand of fun to any deal. His bearded face, usually split by a huge, boyish grin, fronts about 20 companies with an annual turnover of about £1.8 billion. The 46-year-old's personal fortune is esti-mated at £1.6 billion. He likes to risk his life with record-breaking ballooning attempts every few years. He has two children, Sam and Helly.

alleged "dirty tricks" cam-paign. But the book also showed that Mr Basham had been set up by journalists known to Mr Branson in an attempt to portray him as a "professional dissembler of lies", Mr Milmo said. Mr Milmo told the court

Richard Branson over their

Way is 150

that the action centred around Il passages in Dirty Tricks, which all suggested Mr Basham was a dodgy PR man, who distributed damaging information about Mr Branson and Virgin Atlantic that he knew to be untrue.

He said Mr Basham had started working for British Airways in 1984. By 1991 Virgin had established itself as a serious competitor. British Airways was concerned, indeed exasperated by the heroic harn-storming image Mr Branson was able to create for his airline, and looked to Mr Basham to counter this publicity," Mr Milmo said.

"British Airways' manage ment - by that I mean Lord King, the chairman: Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive; Robert Ayling, director of marketing; and David Burnside, director of public affairs had many ideas about rubbishing and denigrating Virgin." Mr Milmo said.

"Mr Basham spent a lot of time trying to restrain British Airways' management from carrying out these ideas . . . he thought the BA strategy was ill-judged."

The jury was told that in 1991, one of Mr Branson's complaints was of dirty tricks and sharp business practices from Virgin Atlantic flights to British Airways. "It was said Virgin passengers were en-ticed by offers of flights on Concorde, by promising free flights, and in one or two instances it was said by masquerading as Virgin staff and pretending flights were delayed or cancelled," Mr Milmo told the jury. This was nothing at all to do with Brian Basham, he'had no knowledge of it and if he had he would have thoroughly disap-

The allegations culminated in a libel action brought by Lord King in 1993 leading to a "humiliating defeat" when British Airways agreed to pay Mr Branson and Virgin £610,000 damages and make a public apology. Mr Milmo

"There had to be a scape-goat," he went on. "And who did they chose to give that role, make the fall guy? There was one person named and that was Mr Basham. There is no basis for this. He acted with British Airways' knowledge and authority and acted with

good faith throughout." The court was told that as part of his duties for British Airways, Mr Basham had compiled a report detailing Virgin's business strategy and Mr Branson's other business activities, including his ownership of a nightclub called Heaven in London's Charing Cross. The club had been linked, although without proof, with drug dealing, fire risk, homosexuality and male

Domineering JP made his wife lie to police

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE submissive wife of an overbearing IP, who forced her to lie to save him from a drink-driving charge, had her all sentence cut by the Court of Appeal yesterday. The judges showed mercy to

Anne Bosumworth, 38, whose husband behaved like a domineering Victorian" when he made her tell police that she was driving their Range Rover after he crashed it. They reduced her sentence for perjury and attempting to pervert the course of justice from nine months to six when they heard about the bullying she was subjected to by her husband

The bullying magistrate. who used as accuse her of being mick and ruled her with "a rod of iron", was jailed by magistrates for to months for driving and for 15 months at Leeds Crown Court for persurv.

The court was told in a statement from a friend of the couple that the husband would tell her. "You are my bloody wife and you will do as I tell you. Lord Justice Swin-



Bosomworth: ruled his wife with rod of iron

ton Thomas said that, although the trial judge did not know about Mrs Bosomworth's home life, lying in court demanded a heavy sentence and he could not release her immediately. But, having read statements from her friends about how she was influenced by her "Victorian, domineering husband, he

could cut the sentence. The court was told that Mrs Bosontworth jumped to her

and he often humiliated her. Simon Reevell, for Mrs Bosomworth, said she felt "totally betrayed" by her husband and had left his home in Beamsley, North Yorkshire. Lord Justice Swinton Thom-

as said that the trial judge had sentenced the couple "on the basis that they were both involved". He said: "She was ruled with a rod of iron and she always had to obey." He said these statements allowed the appeal court to take a more lement course than the trial

Her husband was driving the Ranger Rover on September 4, 1994, when it hit a wall. He was twice the drink-driving limit. He failed in an attempt to persuade their passenger, Susan Jones, to lie about who was driving.

Bosomworth comes from a wealthy landowning family and set up a caravan business, Caracars, in Ilkley in the mid-1960s. His future wife joined the firm as a secretary 20 years ago. He joined the local hunt and was appointed a magistrate in Skipton in



Brian Basham and his partner Lynne Goodson leaving the High Court yesterday after the start of his libel action

prostitution. Mr Basham then showed his report to a small number of reputable journalists. "The defendant's case seems to be that by so doing Mr Basham was conducting a smear campaign, dissembling

In fact, Mr Milmo said, Mr Basham had only included Mr Branson's ownership of the club in his report as he thought it was a risk that someone in such a high-profile position should be associated with a nightclub with such a

The jury was told they would also be listening to tape interviews between Mr Basham and two journalists in which he suggested he would like to see damaging stories about Virgin Atlantic in the newspapers that could not be traced back to British Airways. "One of the journalists, Christopher Hitchin, was a friend of Mr Basham's second wife Eileen and Mr Basham

had acted in good faith in

agreeing to be interviewed. "In

both interviews Mr Basham

believes he was set up. In one

case he most certainly was meaning a trap was laid for

That trap was for him to say something discreditable about Virgin so that Richard Branson could say 'prove it', showing there was a smear campaign against him." Mr Milmo said that while some of the book Dirty Tricks was true, it was essentially a "docu-drama" with many parts a product of Mr Gregory's imagination.

"It shows Brian Basham as a ruthless, pugnacious, and

indulgent, with a love of luxury, devious and professionally dishonest. Brian can take most of that but not the

last, not the accusation that he is a professional liar, because that strikes at the heart of his career, and his life's work." He said Mr Basham is seeking substantial damages for the hurt and damage to his reputation caused by the allegations.

At the end of the first day's hearing the jury was sent out to read the 400 page book. The

Parents pay son's 'ransom demand'

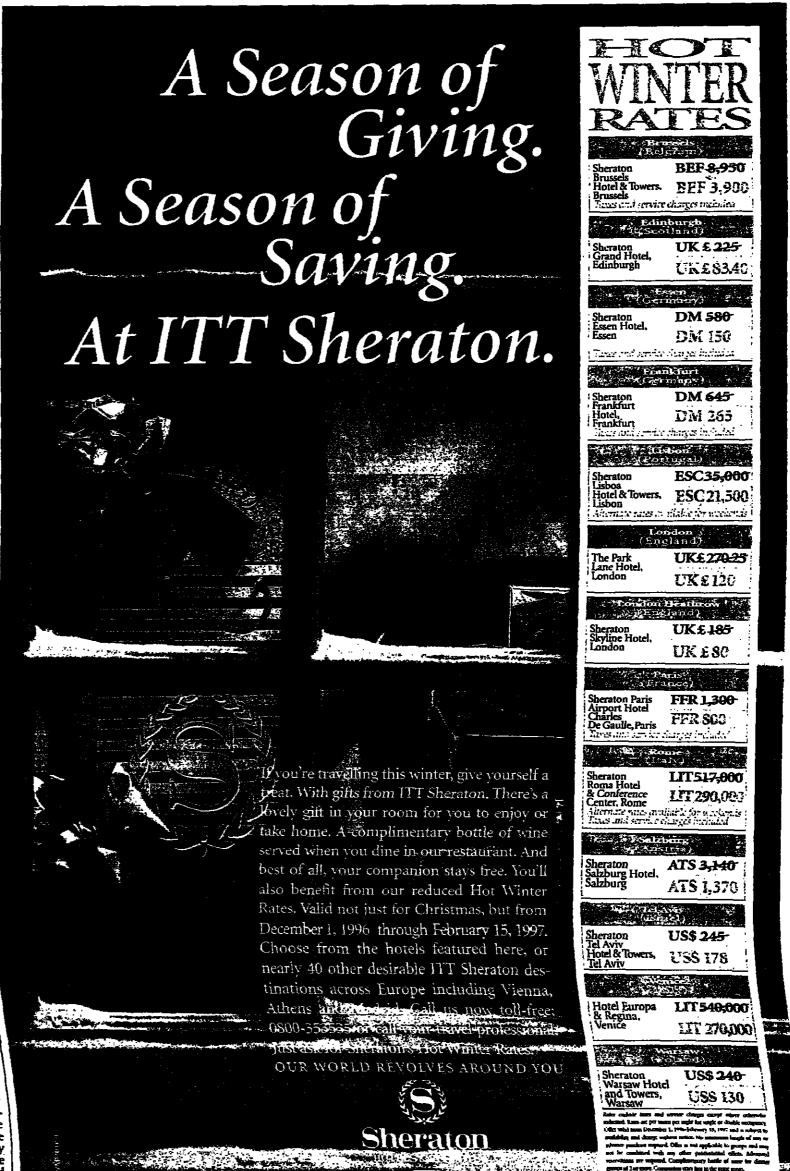
AN ELDERLY couple sent E5,000 in ransom money to repeatedly telephoned them at home in Wales saying he had been kidnapped.

Far from fearing for his life, however, Peter Chetnik, 30, a civil servant, was living in a beach resort with a 23-year-old Thai woman. He made the calls, often accompanied by angry That voices, because he had simply run out of money and feared his parents would

refuse to help. Over the months his mother Maria, 60, and father Peter, 72, sent the money and prayed for their son's release. The Foreign Office was informed as the calls continued. In one, he pleaded: "Mum get me out

of here, please." Mrs Chetnik, of Cardiff. said: "Peter took a vear off from the Welsh Office. He left in April and took a lot of money to pay for his stay. Six months ago the first call came saying he was being held prisoner and needed money to be freed. We sent a lot of money but had more calls

asking for more."
That police told Mrs Cheinik and her husband, a retired larry driver, their son was alive and well and will not be prosecuted. A spokesman said: "He wasn't bound or gagged but living on asouthern beach resort with a young woman. He says he ran out of money and invented the ransom demand to get more."



Gummer urged to stem the tide of urban sprawl

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MORE THAN 14,000 acres of rural Cambridgeshire could disappear under new housing by 2016 unless more development is redirected towards the inner cities and derelict land. according to an official report for the Department of the Environment.

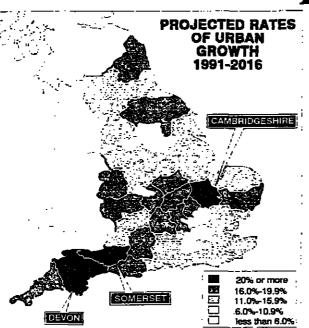
Devon, Somerset, Cornwall, Durset and North Yorkshire would also suffer increasing rates of urban sprawl over the next 20 years as accommodation will be needed for 4.4 million new households. John Gummer, the Environment ing alarm in the countryside promising to raise the Government's target for redirecting development towards the inner cities.

The Government has been working towards a target of 50 per cent of new housing being built on derelict or abandoned urban land. Mr Gummer promised yesterday to raise that figure to 60 per cent.

Issuing the Green Paper Household Growth: Where Shall We Live?. he said: "The possible 4.4 million households that might be formed is almost one million more than is currently being planned for. The increase would affect every part of England. We have. of course, made projections before. But over the past ten years they have always been underestimates," His pledge is not legally

binding and pressure groups accused him of underplaying ths seriousness of urbanisation threat. The Council for the Protection of Rural England had hoped to see a target of 70 per cent, or more than three million homes, being redirected into urban areas.

Tony Burton, the group's head of planning and natural resources, said that, even if the 60 per cent target was met. the number of new houses



Rates of urban sprawl: Avon 12.8 per cent; Bedfordshire 16.6; Berkshire 13.0; Buckinghamshire 17.2; Cambridgeshire 21; Cheshire 14.2; Cleveland 6.6: Cornwall 19.4: Cumbria 12: Derbyshire 12.9; Devon 20.7; Dorset 19.2; Durham 14.6; East Sussex 13.8; Essex 15.1; Gloucestershire 13.3; Hampshire 13.1; Hereford and Worcester 17.1: Hertfordshire 9; Humberside 12.7; Isle of Wight 0.5; Kent 12.6; Lancashire 14.9; Leicest-

being built in the countryside would be double East Anglia's existing housing stock and the equivalent of ten cities the size

"It is a disappointingly cautious approach, given the star-tling new evidence of the threat to rural England from new housing development," he said. "The prospect of large areas of countryside disappearing demands a more robust policy." The group called on Mr Gummer to issue planning rules requiring councils to reuse urban land and buildings before looking to rural sites. A report by Peter Bibby, of

ershire 18.9; Lincolnshire

13.7; Norfolk 12.4; North York-

shire 19.1; Northamptonshire

18.7: Northumberland 15.6;

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11.5; Suffolk 16.6; Surrey 5.9;

Warwickshire 17.2; West Sus-

sex 10.8; Wiltshire 18.6;

Greater London 5; Greater Manchester 4.5; Merseyside

2.6; South Yorkshire 5.9; Tyne

and Wear 6.9; West Midlands

2.6; West Yorkshire 9.9.

Sheffield University, and John Shepherd, of Birbeck College London, for the Department of the Environment, says that the increase in the rate of urban sprawl in Cambridgeshire would be 21.3 per cent if present trends continued. The increase in Devon and Somerset would be between 20.7 per cent and 20.8 per cent.

Cornwall faces a 19.4 per cent increase, Dorset 19.2 per cent and North Yorkshire by

Greater London are forecast to accommodate more than 160,000 new households by 2016, followed by Kent, Essex and Cambridegshire, with between 120,000 and 160,000.

The study says: "Relatively high rates of urban growth are projected for a continuous area stretching from Cornwall and Devon through Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire to Northamptonshire, Leicestershire. Cambridgeshire and

The main area of relatively high rate of projected urban growth also extends westwards in an area from Warwickshire through Hereford and Worcester to Shrooshire. Relatively high increases are also projected for North Yorkshire and Northumberland." The rise in new households

is projected to come from increasing family breakdowns and rises in the number of single people and the elderly. Mr Gummer urged all interested parties to join a four-month debate to find the least environmentally damaging ways of accommodating this.

Tony Struthers, of the Royal Town Planning Institute, said that trying to put more housing into cities might cause more harm than good. "We must not recreate the mistakes of the 1960s, where people were crammed into hastily and badly developed buildings. We do not want to build on the remaining green urban spaces, such as playing fields

He said the 60 per cent target figure was unreasonable and might be impractical without more spending on housing associations and infrastructure. He also said that much of the vacant inner-city and former industrial land was too contaminated for building. Developers could be liable for prosecution from householders.

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Princess Michael of Kent on her favourite horse Sprite minutes before it died

Princess's horse collapses at hunt

PRINCESS Michael Kent was said to be distressed but well after her favourite horse Sprite died while out hunting yesterday. The 19-year-old thoroughbred collapsed after a heart attack while out with the Beaufort Hunt at Chavenage in Glovcestershire. The princess had dismounted when

she felt the horse to be unwell. A spokeswoman said: They were taking it very quietly this morning and the princess dismounted as soon as she realised there was a problem. She is 100 per cent well but obviously deeply distressed." The Princess was seen looking tearful as she returned from the place

where Sprite died. She told with the Beaufort.

Maclone: he insisted

one onlooker: "Perhaps it was the best way for him to go. I've had him for a long time." The pair had hunted together regularly for 15 sons. Princess Michael was slightly hurt earlier this month when she fell from her horse while out hunting

MPs sniping at the Labour leader or at party policy. They will also enable party whips to intervene more quickly to discipline MPs, with the ultimate sanction of the whip being withdrawn. The code, intended to prevent a repetition of the bickering during the Labour governments of the 1960s and 1970s, follows highly publicised criti-cism of Mr Blair by some of his colleagues, most recently an anonymous article in Tribune by "Cassandra" claim-

Dewar

defends

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CHIEF POLITICAL

CORRESPONDENT

DONALD DEWAR, Labour's

Chief Whip, yesterday defend-

ed a new disciplinary code

that would bar MPs from

bringing the party into

The rules, to be put to the

Parliamentary Labour Party

next week, are intended to stop

disrepute"

MPs will be told "to refrain from personal attacks upon colleagues: to act in harmony with the policies of the Parliamentary Labour Party; and to do nothing which brings the

ing that he would be ousted as

Prime Minister within a few

months of entering Downing

party into disrepute But MPs. who have often complained that they are kept in the dark over policy, have also won a concession. The group that drew up the code has also suggested that Labour ministers would have to consult backbenchers on policy. The document produced by the working party also stipu-lates that MPs electing Labour backbench committees should have to vote for two women.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World at One yesterday. Mr Dewar denied that the rules were "draconian" or intended to "frighten" MPs into good behaviour. The new rules were as much about 'rights" as "responsibilities". He pointed out that, since Labour had not been in office since 1979, the rules governing

those circumstances had not changed for more than 20 years. The new code contained an "impressive guarantee" that MPs would be involved in policy formation. However, Mr Dewar admitted that he did want to see "good order" in the party. Under the new rules, the Chief Whip would nave the power to reprimand MPs publicly instead of in private as at present.

The review team comprised Doug Hoyle, the PLP chairman; John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader: Mr Dewar: Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary; Bridget Prentice, a whip; and the MPs Andrew Bennett and John Garrett.

Maverick hopes confused voters will try to send in the clone tive Central Office were studying his City Council has confirmed that there cost me a bus fare to Exeter library be a nuisance, who will cause latest plan. Mr Maclone, aged 52, is a Gerald Maclone on its new to discover I was legally within confusion, and not make our life any

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Health Minister Gerald Malone is facing an election challenge from a maverick candidate who has

The new contender for the constituency of Winchester is an experienced campaigner. Under his original name, Richard Huggett, he caused an upset by winning 10,000 votes in Devon and Plymouth East at the 1994 Euro elections, standing as a Literal Democrat. The Liberal Democrat was knocked into second place.

Yesterday, as lawyers at Conserva-

said: "I am not a joker. Politics is far electoral roll. too important to leave to politicians like Mr Malone," His limited manifesto has a populist theme. For example, he would introduce a

minimum wage. For MPs. The former teacher, a father of four, moved to Winchester last year and has set his sights on reducing or even overturning Mr Malone's 8,000 majority. He has gone to great lengths to ensure he cannot be successfully challenged in the courts. taking out a pension policy and supermarket loyalty cards in his newly assumed name. Winchester

He has experience of the legal issues because the Liberal Democrats - beaten by only 700 votes in Devon — spent thousands of pounds unsuccessfully challenging the result

This time, Mr Maclone is expected to stand as the Conservative Party candidate, as opposed to Mr Malone, who was expected to be The Conservative Party candidate, which might now change to Conservative and Unionist candidate. Mr Maclone said: "It will cause confusion for the defending candidate and help me. It

to discover I was legally within my right. I am legally watertight

Malone is an imitator of those that have gone before him. I am an Gerald Malone. If I cause confusion, and damage his prospects, too bad. Politics is not an easy game."

He will require 20 names on his nomination papers, but has already built up a small but loyal following through the readership of his Literal Democrat magazine.

Hugh Thompson, the Conservative agent in Winchester, said: "There is no point denying it. This man will confusion, and not make our life any easier. We are consulting lawyers to see if the challenge is legal. We can do

Rodney Sabine, the Liberal Demochester, said: "We urged the Government to sort out the law on this. Maybe they will, now he is likely to hit them."

Mr Malone has a further problem.

At the last election John Browne, a former Tory MP who had been passed over for Mr Malone, stood as an independent Tory and polled 3,000 votes. There is speculation that he may fight the seat again.



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Channel Tunnel passenger services face further delay

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent LINGERING hopes that

Channel Tunnel passenger services would restart this week were dashed yesterday when it emerged that the officials who can authorise the reopening will not meet until Friday at the earliest. The tunnel remained closed

to all but a limited freight container service while senior Eurotunnel officials prepared their presentation to the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority. The five-strong British delegation to the authority will fly to Paris today for a further round of meetings with Eurotunnel executives.

Eurotunnel will present its latest proposals tomorrow and on Thursday for how it would

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carry out an evacuation of passengers during the closure of the damaged south tunnel. The authority will, in turn. make its recommendation to the Inter-Governmental Com-mission (IGC), the body of officials from the two Governments charged with overseeing safety in the tunnel, probably on Friday.

If the IGC accepts that Eurostar and Le Shuttle services are safe, they could resume next weekend, almost two weeks after the fire. Eurotunnel could restart without its express approval, but admits that to do so would be commercial suicide.

By next weekend. Eurotunnel and Eurostar will have

announced the restart of

Eurostar services, it is pos-

sible that availability of

travel on free tickets before

Christmas may be affected.

Readers should continue

to apply for tickets as

announced. Full travel de-

tails will be included with

lost about £40 million in revenue, although both are fully insured. A spokesman for Eurostar said it would be able to recoup some of its losses from Eurotunnel under a complex compensation agreement. although there was no question of sueing.
The spokesman said it was

impossible to estimate the size of the payments. Eurostar is losing about £2 million a day in revenue. Eurotunnel teams contin-

ued to retrieve damaged lorries yesterday, although the charred locomotive remained at the site of the fire. The company has been attacked by the Transport & General Workers Union over the dismissal of 12 security staff five days after fire. The union said it was supporting a challenge to the dismissals at a industrial tribunal. Shares in Eurotunnel lost

more than 5 per cent of their value on the stock market yesterday, falling 5p to 81p. They have dropped by 104p. or about 11 per cent, since the fire.

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Cattle cull pledge 'must be met'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

FARMERS challenged Douglas Hogg vesterday to honour the pledges made at the European Union summit in Florence last June for a selective cull of cattle.

In a joint statement, farmers' leaders urged the Agriculture Minister to proceed with a cull of up to 140,000 cattle

identified as being at most risk of developing "mad cow" disease. That is one of the main conditions that must be met before the EU will consider lifting the ban on British beef. The Government put plans for such a cull on hold at the end of September, saying it no longer considered it scientifically justified.

A selective cull was now

"needed urgently to pave the way for negotiation in Brussels on the steps to lift the worldwide ban on British beef", the statement said. But Mr Hogg said at the Royal Smithfield Show in

London that that he had yet to be convinced that a selective cull was justified or would achieve the goal of getting the embargo removed.



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French novelist denies copying Okri's Booker winner



Okri: "There appears to be a similarity. Scenes and characters sound as if they are too close"

By Dalya Alberge AND BEN MACINTYRE

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THE French publishers of Ben Okri's novel The Famished Road are scrutinising a book which won the Grand Prix du Roman de L'Académie Prançaise this month, after similarities between the books were discovered. According to a French radio station

which compared them, two passages from Les Honneurs Perdus, by Calixihe Beyala, published last month, are said to bear distinct similarities to The Famished Road — described by The Times as "a poetical magical fantasy about growing up in Nigeria". Journalist Pierre Assouline noted that in May Mme Beyala was found guilty of using elements from a novel by the American writer Howard Buten in an earlier work, When I was five, I killed myself. She was The Académie Française award is one

of the most prestigious international literary awards and, at FF300,000 (£37,000), more valuable than the Booker Mr Okri said yesterday: "If these allegations prove true, the real embar-

sment and shame is to the Académie for not being aware of international literature, particularly something honoured by the Booker and which is well known throughout Europe. It has been translated into about 15 languages and won two major Italian prizes.

What is the point of a national academy of excellence and culture if you're not aware of what's going on in

THE FAMISHED ROAD

Ben Okri's The Famished Road: a story of Azaro, a "spirit child" in Nigeria. The thread is his father's ordeal to win back his wife's love. One passage reads: "His wife had ceased listening to him . . . she had started to drag him by tugging on his trousers. He was trying to free himself from her iron-grip, which beneath the trousers, had even gripped his genitals."

LES HONNEURS PERDUS

Calirthe Beyala's Les Honneurs Perdus (The Lost Honours): story of African girl in Paris, who tries to protect her honour. One passage reads: "His wife wasn't listening to him. She grabbed him by the trousers and dragged him. He tried to free himself from this irongrip which, in addition to holding on to his trousers, was also gripping his testicles."

the international arena of the arts?"
According to M Assouline, the earlier charges "should have caused the French academicians to be more circumspect".

Mme Beyala, born in the Cameroons in 1961, claimed to be the victim of racial hatred and persecution and was reported to be considering legal action against her accusers. She said that left-wing journal-

ists in France were trying to discredit her. This is malicious and spiteful racial hatred. I have had enough of it," she told Le Figuro newspaper. "Why are they trying to tarnish me? They are trying to destroy me: this is persecution"

Mr Okri said: "I received a call from

my German translator who lives in France. He heard it over the radio. There appears to be a disturbing similarity. Scenes and characters sound as if they are simply too close. I hope all this proves to be untrue and that there will be a happy outcome to all of this."

Mme Beyala said: "If you look, in any

book, for a phrase which vaguely resembles another you can always find it. What I now know is that I annoy journalists on the Left, since I'm not part of their club, being a woman and black." Although Mme Beyala's Académie Francaise award has been announced, the ceremony is not until December 5.

Paul Marsh, Mr Okri's agent for the translation rights of foreign editions. said: "At the moment, Ben's French publisher is reading the two books alongside one another, making a close textual comparison, to determine what's been going on. They hope to have completed that within 48 hours."

Mr Okri said: "I simply don't know about the intricacies of the political and literary scene in France. All I do know is that worrying allegations have been made, are being investigated, and I leave it now to the publishers and the lawyers to sort it out."

The Academie Française yesterday declined to comment on the accusations.

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Calixthe: claims that she is the victim of racial hatred and persecution and may sue her accusers

Clergy condemn plan for secret church hearings

PLANS by the Church of are conveying the message England to hold secret tributhat we are confident of what nais for clerical offenders were yesterday criticised by clergy, who argued that justice had to

be seen to be done. Proposals to replace the Church's 900-year-old consistory court system with tribunals to carry out disciplinary hearings for clergy accused of misconduct are to be debated by the General Synod, which opened at Church House, Westminster, last night.

But at a preliminary meeting the plans to take the has got it the wrong way Church's traditionally open system of justice behind closed doors were challenged, even though eventual findings would be published.

The reforms were prompted primarily by the recent trials of the Dean of Lincoln. Dr Brandon Jackson, acquitted of misconduct with a former cathedral verger, and of the Rev Tom Tyler, convicted of

adulery with a parishioner.
The Rev Robert Ellis, com-munications officer for the diocese of Lichfield, said openness was crucial. "What are we irightened of?... The Church of England has got enough credit in the bank so when something does go wrong, we can ride the storm and by doing it in public we

we are doing."

Prebendary Sam Philpott,

Vicar of St Peter's, Plymouth. agreed. "If we are going to go for transparency and we make the claim that transparency is part of natural justice, then private bearings are not on the

The Rev Benjamin Hopkin-son, from Middlesbrough, said there was a case for some hearings to be heard in pri-vate. "But I believe this report round. It needs to be that all hearings will be in public unless the tribunal head decides that for good reasons the hearing should be in private."

credited. There have been three consistory courts in 30 years. This does not mean that the clergy are as white as the driven snow. The reality is 99.99 per cent of all disciplinary cases in the last 30 years

The report, Under Author ity, will be discussed by the entire synod later this week.

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BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT.

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Slimmers told to abandon guilt and blame the genes

MIDDLE-AGED women who despair of losing weight may be blaming themselves unfairly. Scientists have found that genes have more influence on shape than diet or exercise. At least 60 per cent of hody fat is determined by inherited factors, according to a study of 350 lemale twins.

The research, by the country's first research unit for adult discases in twins, also found that genes played a major role in determining whether women were apple-shaped, carrying extra fat around the waist, or pear-shaped,

New research has thrown a lifeline to middleaged women who blame themselves when everything goes pear-shaped. Now they can blame their parents, Jeremy Laurance reports

carrying it on the hips and thighs. The unit, based at Guy's & St Thomas's Hospital, southeast London, compared fat levels in 350 pairs of identical and non-identical

Fat levels were measured by a body-composition scan, using low-

dose X-rays which gave an exact weight in grams of body fat, muscle and bone. The results showed that a woman's genetic inheritance had one and a half times as much influence on her shape as diet or

exercise. Previous studies, which have

ments of height and weight, have suggested that genes determine between 5 per cent and 20 per cent of body fat. But Tim Spector, head of the unit, said these figures were inaccurate and could make people feel more guilty than they should.

"Our findings explain why some people can't lose weight easily. They are not being slothful or lazy. But the results don't offer an excuse to over-indulge in cream cakes," he

"It does mean that some people who are genetically predisposed to put on weight will need to follow a of people, even thin ones, know. more rigorous diet or exercise

Some people may go for a walk every day to keep their weight down while others will need to do two or three times that to get the same effect.'

Apple-shaped women are at greater risk of heart disease and diabetes and therefore had a more urgent need to lose weight, Dr Spector said. The traditional pearshaped form provided protection from these diseases.

"Our finding confirms what a lot

that when they put on weight it goes to a particular place and they can't explain why except by looking

at their parents. The generally reassuring message is that pear shaped fat is good even if it is not fashionable. It is better than a thin bottom and a fat

The study also found that women taking hormone replacement therapy tended to have less body fat, contrary to popular belief that HRT

triggered weight gain. The unit is now seeking 3,000 study to identify the genes involved. It will include men and younger

"If we can find the genes we may be able to use them in a diagnostic test before putting people on a diet or exercise programme, said Dr Spector. We may eventually be able to find a treatment that could switch fat metabolism on or off."

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Lizzie Anders and Katie Hayes, who were saved, and Andy Meakins, missing

Britons sang and read to spread calm before hijack plane crashed

survived the crash of the hijacked Ethiopian airliner off the Comoros Islands said yesterday that they were determined to continue their roundthe-world trip.

The old saying is that if you fall off a horse you must get straight back on it." Katie Haves. 31, said from her hospital bed in St Denis, capital of Réunion. In the next bed was her friend, Lizzie Anders. The two women told how they had tried to help passengers who were panicking around them. "I still cannot believe I am alive." Miss Anders said. "I thought I was going to drown still strapped in my seat. Once in the water I had this terrible fear of being eaten by sharks." Miss Anders, 32, a former



west London, lay propped up in bed, her broken left leg wrapped in thick plaster and her arms covered with dark purple bruises and livid lacerations. Miss Hayes, a former marketing director for MTV Europe, was breathing with the aid of a respirator and had her neck in a collar She suffered fractured ribs and a manager from Notting Hill. fear is flying, and then this tried to remain calm by read- Miss Anders said the yesterday.

thinking to myself. I'm going to die'. And here we are," The women, who were one month into a year-long trip, recalled how, 20 minutes after take-off, just after air hostesses had taken round the drinks

People were standing up and saying there was a man with a bomb," Miss Hayes said. One of the hijackers came on the intercom and said he had two bombs, but said he would not use them if their instructions were followed. Everyone was panicking. I started singing because I did not want to hear what they

trolleys, chaos broke out.

were saying." The guy next to us was in a terrible state," Miss Anders said. "We told each other we must remain calm and accept



Survivors of the hijack awaiting evacuation on Sunday to major hospitals after treatment near the crash site

ing their books. After about four hours the Ethiopian captain announced that they had run out of fuel and would have to crash-land. "People around us were screaming, running around; it was pandemoni-um," Miss Anders said. Many people did not know how to put on their lifejackets or how to inflate them. I was telling them you must pull the red toggle and I was leaning across helping people." Miss Hayes said: "The crash happened very slowly, the plane skimmed the water and went up again before smashing down. Suddenly water was

washing over my face. I strug-

gled out of my seat and was

thrashing around. I swallowed a lot of water and thought I was going to drown. I saw sunlight and started

doctors had denied the hijackers medical treatment once they had been identified. "It was understandable. Why should they have helped these guys while others around them were dying? There were some beautiful Kenyan children who were sitting near us who were terrified. I don't

think they survived," Two Ethiopians arrested in hospital were now believed to have been innocent passengers and may be released today, police said, after Yonas Mekuria, the co-pilot, said they had not been among the hijackers. Officials were trying to confirm that the men

recovered while 42 people are missing. Two of the 55 people who survived the impact died of their initials in holding.

Grieving families mourn loved ones

FAMILIES of British pas-sengers feared dead in the air crash spoke of their shock and grief yesterday as more the wreckage. Five Britons are still officially missing.

Tony Charters, 46, deputy director of Save the Chil-dren's operations in Ethiopia, was on the flight, his mother, Eileen, said. Mrs Charters, 73, from Plympton. Devon, said: "It is a complete ste. He was a devoted father and son and a modest man. Helping other people was his life's work." Mr

Save the Children said: "He was highly regarded and a talented, experienced and humane person. His death is a great loss."

Relatives of Andy

Meakins, 43, an aid worker with Tear Fund, gathered at the family home at Beckenham, Kent, yesterday. Mr Meakins and his wife, Ruth, had three young children.

Brian Tetley, 61, who is believed to have been on the flight, was a British-born journalist who emigrated to Kenya in 1968. Kathleen Wilding 87, was also con-

Pilots to be briefed on Africa dangers

By Harvey Elliott

BRITISH airline pilots are to be briefed confidentially on security at airports in East Airica after the hijacking and crash of the Ethiopian airliner.

Details of security arrangements in Addis Abaha and other airports were being inserted last night into a video, warning pilots of hijack risks, which is shown as part of an annual refresher course for commercial pilots. It deals with a criminal attack on their aircraft. During the one-day course, Home Office officials review breaches of security and problems that have occurred anywhere in the previous 12 months and give specific warnings about new dan-

ger spots. The security of flights from Ethiopia as well as neighbouring Sudan and other areas of tension in Africa has now come under

scrutiny. The pilot of the Ethiopian jet that crashed off the Comoros appears to have done all he could to land his hijacked jet safely. Only a tipping of the wing — possibly, according to oth-er pilots, because of a struggle in the cockpit - as the aircraft came within a few feet of the sea prevented a conventional ditching and the saving of many

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Night sky will be blotted out by millennium lights'

May Links

plained yesterday that Millen-mum Commission plans to illuminate hundreds of buildings will intensify light pollu-tion and blot out the night sky for millions of people. The children of the next

millennium are being condemned to never seeing the stars," John Mason of the British Astronomical Society told a conference in London yesterday. Astronomers claim the commission is ignoring growing calls for the skies to remain dark.

The projects would use lottery money to light up bridges, parks, historic buildings, docks, office blocks and more than 400 churches, many in: rural areas. Dr Mason said the commission should with-

draw funding.
"We are going to be lighting up the whole place like a Christmas tree. The commission is handing out money for. floodlighting schemes left. right and centre. We need much more policing of this. It

now the third most lightpolluted country in Europe after The Netherlands and densely populated. Most of England is affected, with only places such as Exmoor and Dartmoor unspoilt. Even in East Anglia many people can-not get a clear view of the night sky because of light scattered

ranges.
Richard Simmonds, chairman of the Countryside Commission, said the North of England, the Peak District, the Scottish Highlands and large parts of Wales were also

by security lights or driving

still relatively unpolluted. But Mr. Simmonds said for most people the night sky had been stolen. "I live 30 miles from Hyde Park Corner and can read the small print of my credit card in my back garden at night," he said.

Graham Jukes, director of professional services at the Chartered Institute of Envirenmental Health, said light pollution was also contributing to stress. Between 1993 and . to local authorities about intrusive lighting has risen by Dr Mason said some organ-

isations had responded to the problem in the past two years. The Highways Agency had begun to install high sodium lights on motorways and major roads. These direct light downwards rather than allowing it to disperse into the sky. Around 22 councils have

drafted planning guidance to restrict badly designed light-ing in new developments. But, said Dr Mason, many other councils had done nothing. He attacked the unregion ed growth in sports facilities, such as floodlit golf driving

ranges, and in security and

decorative lighting in gardens and outside houses, supermarkets and public buildings. lines should be issued to ensure lights were angled downwards. Light manufacturers and stores needed to educate homeowners through leaflets and instructions on environmentally friendly fit-

The commission is to pub-

lighting in the countryside in a forthcoming White Paper. "People should learn that they do not necessarily need to buy the biggest lamp," said

Mike Simpson, of the Insti-tute of Lighting Engineers, said yesterday there was no technological barrier to cut-ting light pollution, but suitable external units cost more. smaller lights which reduced diffusion and aimed 45 per cent of light, rather than 30 per cent, at the ground. They small centre by 15 per cent.

Mr Simpson said it would prove costly to replace over-night the six million street lights in Britain with units that polluted less. However, danger of collapse, were inefficient and expensive to run. John Gummer, the Environ-

ment Secretary, told the conference that he was prepared to look at the planning laws to see if the Government could crackdown on poor lighting



Light pollution is clear in a satellite image of Europe. The red lights are oil wells

Cluedo call to discover the man whodunnit

BY ALAN HAMILTON

CLUEDO fans were involved in a new mystery yesterday: nobody seems to know what has happened to the man who invented the detective board

Anthony Pratt, a solicitors'

clerk, created the thoroughly English amusement in 1948. present him with a commemorative trophy in celebrations to mark the 150 millionth sale. However, Mr Pratt sold his the 1950s and they have had no contact since the world

championships ten years ago. when he was living in Birmingham. Mr Pratt would now be aged 93. Clare Sawkins of Waddingtons said the company wanted

to honour the inventor or an immediate relative. Cluedo, with its miniature murder weapons and cast list of suspects, is the company's best-selling game after Monopoly. Three million sets are still sold each year in a total of

Hope for those off their oats



THOUSANDS of people who have avoided all foods containing oats may in future be able to enjoy porridge, break-fast cereals, flapjacks or herring rolled in oats.

It has been supposed that patients with cocliac disease suffered sensitivity to all cereals other than maize, but a recent small trial reported in the British Medical Journal found that none with coeliac disease reacted unfavourably to oats. In some cases of cochac disease the reaction to

ten, which in those who ing the absorption of fats and other essential nutrients. In children who develop coeliac - known also as gluten enteropathy - symp-toms are obvious abdominal failure to thrive. In adults, the sidious, with anaemia, weight loss and neurological symptoms being the first signs of trouble. Whatever the presentation, there are changes in

doctors from St James's and St Vincent's hospitals in Dublin in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture. In Ireland, one in 300 people suffers from coeliac disease, the highest incidence in the world.

The Irish doctors used ten patients with cocliac disease, three with severe sensitivity. None suffered any ill effects from the oats, and after the sitive. The results confirm a report last year in the New England Journal of Medicine, but in this instance the oats were fed only to patients known to have a mild sensitivity to cereals. People with coeliac disease should consult their own doctors before start

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Euro judges back British ban on blasphemous film

FROM FRANCES GIBB IN STRASBOURG

ing of European human rights judges vesterday, for using its ancient blasphemy laws to ban an erotic film about a

loth-century nun. The ruling by the European Court of Human Rights in Strashourg coincided with a visit by the Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who is lobbying for reforms to the way the court works. His visit comes at the request of cabinet colleagues after a string of high-profile rulings against Britain.

But the timing of yesterday's ruling, and the language of the judgment, appeared to send a signal that the court was anxious to keep Britain onside after calls from some Euro-cepties earlier this year for the Government to pull our of the court's jurisdiction. It may also mark a new approach that could see fewer rulings against the Government.

The court decided by seven votes to two that a ban in 1989 on a 20-minute film. Visions of Ecstasy, by the British Board of Film Classification did not breach freedom of expression

BRITAIN won the rare back- as guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights. The film depicted St Teresa of Avila in erotic scenes with the body of the crucified Christ. The court agreed that such censorship was justified under 12th-century blasphemy laws to avoid shocking Christians. The ruling overturns a previous decision, by 14 to two, of the European Commission of Human Rights, which is the first filter for human rights

> The ruling seemed to meet Lord Mackay's main concern that European judges should take more account of local traditions and leave more issues to be determined locally. Blasphemy, the court said. had no precise legal definition: "National authorities must be afforded a degree of flexibility in assessing whether particular facts fall within its definition." It added that the video market was particularly diffi-cult to control: "National authorities are better placed than the European Court to

make an assessment as to a video's likely impact." Lawyers and the maker of



Mackay: lobbying for

reforms to the court the film. Nigel Wingrove. speculated that their case appeared to have fallen foul of a changed political climate at Strasbourg. Mr Wingrove said: "Obviously I am disappointed. But I was told the decision was likely to go against me because it has hecome very political now."

He criticised the ruling for effectively reviving blusphemy laws. Either such laws should he extended to cover other religions, or they should be

not intended to make a blasphemous film. The Church of England had never called for a ban, nor for his prosecution. "It is only the board which takes this view and they are not the people who should be defining blasphemy laws. This should be put before a jury and not decided by civil servants in Soho Square."

His solicitor. Mark Stephens, said that the ruling was very worrying and its timing bizarre. The judges had clearly taken the Government's concerns into account, he said, adding that their decision was out of line with previous judgments.

Lord Mackay is pressing his case for reforms to the court, based firstly on selecting judges with greater practical experience. Secondly, he wants more heed paid to British circumstances and traditions. Thirdly, he wants changes to the fact-finding procedures, under which the court would indicate its main areas of concern before any hearing, enabling the Government to address them.

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Visions of Ecstasy depicts St Teresa of Avila in erotic scenes with the crucified Christ. The court agreed that a ban was justified, to avoid offending Christians

New test on release of sensitive documents

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

A TOUGH new test is to be introduced by the Govern-ment to help ministers to decide whether they can release sensitive papers in court cases.

The change forms part of an overhaul of the controversial system of public interest immunity certificates, which were criticised by Sir Richard Scott in his report on arms

sales to Iraq.

Formal announcement of the new guidelines was expected last month but has been delayed because some miniscertificates disappear altogether, believing the system has become tainted and suggests a Government obsessed with secrecy. Senior officials are keen to ensure collective

agreement on the issue. The new harm test would force ministers to consider exactly what a document contained and to balance that with the degree of harm likely to be caused by disclosure. Ministers will emphasise

that, under the new approach, they would not be seeking to block documents but merely making a representation to judges in particular cases.

problems.

of health.

stay that way.

Barr & Son in Wishaw. North Lanarkshire. The company has stopped selling cooked meat. About 70 people have become ill since Friday and 16 have been found to have the bacterium E. coli 0157. The results of blood tests in suspected cases may not be known for several days. Nickell lie test

Colin Stagg, the man acquitted of murdering Rachel Nickeli on Wimbledon Common. passed a lie-detector test on the case, carried out

for the ITV programme The

Cook Report. But he refused

NEWS IN BRIEF

Six still

unwell

after food

poisoning

A child and five adults are

still giving cause for concern

after an outbreak of food poisoning possibly linked to

meat supplied by the Scottish

Butcher of the Year, John

to be given "truth" drugs or to be subjected to hypnosis. Action ended

A woman who last week lost legal aid in her fight to win compensation for her dis-abled daughter has abandoned her action. Wendy Railton, from Somerset, had accused hospital staff of negligence during Tanya's delivery in March 1978.

Slow motion

The use of speed cameras at major roadworks is to be extended after trials at motorway and trunk roads showed a significant reduction in accidents. Cameras are to be installed on the Al2 on the Essex-Suffolk border and other schemes will follow.

MP is top dog

A Tory backbencher has received an award for outstanding services for the benefit of dogs. Roger Gale. MP for North Thanet. and chairman of the all-party Animal Welfare Group, won the Council of Pro Dogs "Proddy" award for 1996.

Boy's ordeal

A boy aged three spent two days alone with the body of his mother after she died at her home in Inswich. He was aken into care by so vices after police found him at the weekend. The 26-yearold woman's death is believed to be drug-related.

Birthday ruined

A woman slipped and broke her leg as she ran around an old people's home on her 100th birthday. Lizzie Hartshorn is in hospital after the accident at West Hallam. Derbyshire. A member of the home's staff said: "She was

simply over-excited."

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Clarke challenged over promise on currency talks

By ALICE THOMSON AND JAMES LANDALE

GORDON BROWN told the Chancellor yesterday that MPs from all sides of the Commons were absolutely right" to unite in demanding a debate this week on preparaions for a single currency.

Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, challenged Kenneth Clarke's claim that nothing of substance would be decided at the meeting of European finance ministers on Monday when he had said in a letter to the chairman of the European Select Committee: "Political agreement is

likely on December 2." He continued: "Surely this a matter where we should hear the Government's position, where the views of Members of the House should be heard and where we should see the paper that is now before the European ministers. There is denying the debate that the House and the country want it is for reasons of internal

Tory party management." Tom King (C, Bridgwater) said that Britain had historically had the closest interest in the performance of European economies. "It would be grossly irresponsible on your part and on the Government's part if we didn't see, if the euro is going to be set up, that it is set up on a basis that actually

The former Chancellor Norman Lamont (C. Kingston-

the regulations that Britain could not be fined for high budget deficits if it remained he added that the fines and scrutiny provisions would apply if Britain did join. This House is entitled to

debate the level of the fines, the flexibility and inflexibility of the system — that has not been debated adequately so far until this afternoon." he said. "If it had been, this needless row would have been

Peter Shore (Lab, Bethnal Green and Stepney) said Mr Clarke's confirmation that he would place a "scrutiny re-serve" on any political agreement at the December 2 meeting of European finance ministers did not go far enough. Is he really saying to us that he is prepared in the future to have a Budget made for him in Brussels rather than here in London? I find that absolutely shameful."

Mr Shore also asked whether sterling would have to shadow the euro even if Britain remained outside a single

Mr Clarke said that there was no question of the pound shadowing the euro. "Sterling is now a floating currency. I have no intention of shadowing any currency as long as it remains floating. It would be damaging and fulle to do so." John Redwood (C, Woking-ham) urged the Chancellor to ensure Britain had written

assurances that the regulations would not apply to countries that did not join a single currency. "Would you ensure that such words are written clearly into the face of our regulations so there can be no more legal doubt? Our record before the European Court of Justice is very disappointing and there are different legal views about the

Up My Lesso

Mr Clarke said that ministers, not the European Commission made the final decision on these matters. Sir Terence Higgins (C, Worthing), a former Treasury minister, supported Mr Clarke's involvement in talks

current loose wording."

on monetary union. "If the Government were now to rule out membership of EMU in the next Parliament, it is likely you would find you were excluded from the discussions, or the real decisions would take place elsewhere." Bill Cash (C, Stafford)

asked whether Mr Clarke would veto the regulations unless Britain had an explicit guarantee that it would be excluded from them outside a currency bloc. Heathcoat-Amory

(C. Wells), the Euro-sceptic over the Government's position on Europe, told Mr Clarke: This unnecessary row could have been resolved much earlier by the granting of a full debate about an issue





decision facing the country."
He asked Mr Clarke if he thought some of the EU proposals were intended to apply to non-EMU members. If that was the case, he urged the Chancellor not to agree to any further strengthening or widening of Britain's obligations should it choose not to join.

Tony Benn (Lab, Chesterfield) said Mr Clarke had misunderstood the real issue at stake. "By agreeing in principle to what are called fines, which is really the taxation of this country by the European authorities, you are power to tax this country from the Treasury, which you head and from which you can be removed, to people who are not accountable to Parliament," he said.





'The stability pact makes good sense for Britain, whether we are in or out'

KENNETH CLARKE made a statement to the Commons yesterday to address MPs' concerns about regulations governing Britain's possible membership of a single currency. He said there had been misleading claims about the regulations, which included a stability pact designed to help to ensure that participants in economic and monetary union (EMU) did not run excessive deficits.

"I am strongly in favour of full parliamentary debate and scrutiny of these important issues. That scrutiny must be properly completed before any decisions are taken which might have binding effect on this country. What the whole House must want is an informed debate at the right time rather than one based on inaccuracies and innuendo.

Prime Minister negotiated at Maastricht remains entirely unaffected. Secondly, everything contained in the EU stability pact - including fines on 'ins' - derives from and was foreshadowed in the Maastricht treaty. Thirdly, unless we join Stage Three of the EMU, we will retain. as now, control of domestic economic policy. We would still have our existing commitment to endeavour to avoid an excessive deficit but there is no question of any fines or other sanctions being imposed on us for running an excessive

"I know that some colleagues have raised the possibility that Recital 13 of the draft regulation strengthening surveillance could be used to impose policy obligations or sanctions that can be tation is incorrect. Article 103(5) can only be used to impose detailed rules as to procedure. Any recommendations that might be made under Article 103(4) are

non-binding.
"Finally, the stability pact makes good economic sense for the UK and for Europe as a means of making sure that in or out of a single currency.

If we are in, we need to ensure that no other member of EMU falls into excessive deficit or debt crisis which might tend to drive up interest rates. If we are out, we need the Euro-zone to be stable as the British economy is more successful when the economies of our major customers are successful. That is why I

Labour would have to learn about destructive force of Europe

urope has had a uniquely destructive impact on British politics — aggravating party divisions as no other issue does. Try as they might, the Tories can never sustain a common line for long. The hard core of Tory sceptics always fear they are about ministers. There were always going to be differences over the single currency regulations, but the scale and intensity of the latest row were unnecessary, inflamed by the suspicions of the sceptics and the Government's mishandling of the

Kenneth Clarke bought time

yesterday with a skilfull perfor-mance that should defuse the issue for Budget week, though perhaps only until the meeting of European finance ministers next Monday. Only occasionally did his disdain for his sceptic critics show, as when debate over Britain's negotiating position and warned that "occasional parliamentary hysteria was not in the national interest".

Otherwise, he offered reassurance. No binding decisions would be taken until after the House had held a debate and taken the necessary vote. Mr Clarke's view about



the impact on Britain was even endorsed by Norman Lamont, issuse is not whether Britain's optout might be eroded but the fines and sanctions involved in any monetary union. Mr Clarke offered detailed explanations about the implications. He emphasised the desirability of the Euro-zone being stable without excessive deficits or high interest rates whether Britain

ioins or stays out: "the British economy is more successful when the economies of our major customers are successful"

Mr Clarke was firm in answering the worries of sceptics that the stablity pact will include convergence programmes which would even if we stay outside monetary union. They have argued that Recital 13 of the draft regulation strengthening surveillance could be used to impose policy obligations or sanctions that can be binding on all member states. Mr Clarke maintained that a country would only be obliged to provide and share information about its economic policies and performance — in effect, formalising what already happens. Any recommendations that might be made under article 103 (4) are non-binding. In a letter to MPs, Mr Clarke said that "if any further attempt were made concerning respect of their economic policies. as opposed to simply the provision of information, we would not be

able to agree it". That is the crux of the row. If that was not clear enough, Mr Clarke was conciliatory in response to

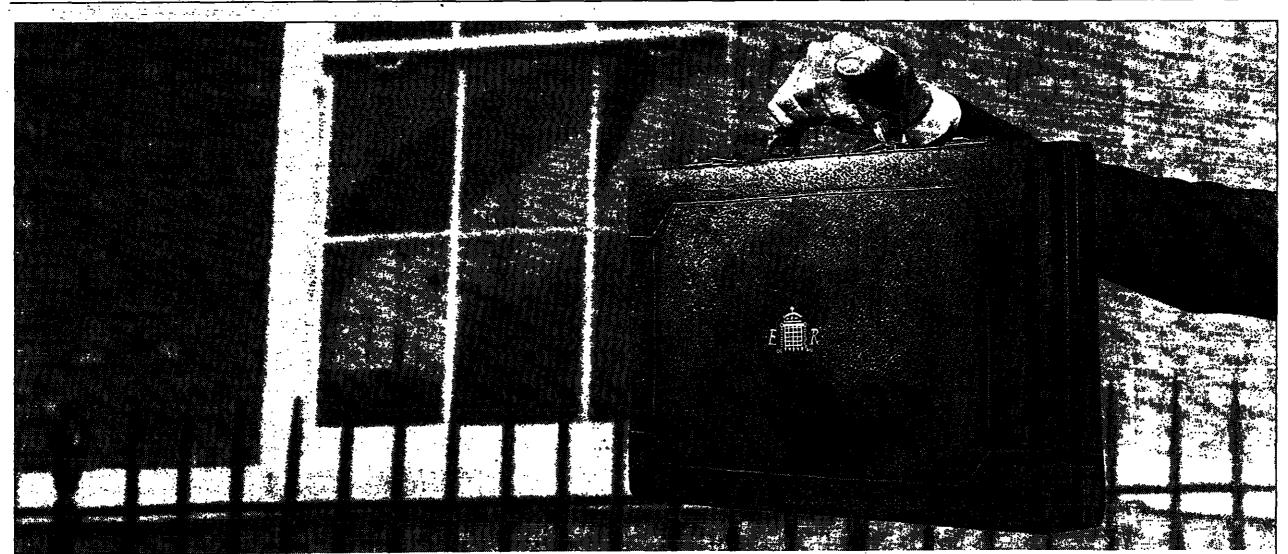
John Redwood's request that the legal wording of the regulations should make it explicit that any sanctions do not apply to nonjoiners. There are a number of loose ends revealed by the documents leaked over the weekend. notably over the monitoring of next test will come after the finance ministers' meeting in a week.

All this is really a sideshow. Mr Clarke's most revealing comment was that he would be against joining monetary union if the convergence criteria were fudged since this would put intolerable strains on the system. That is also the key

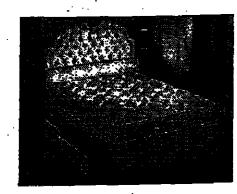
if any monetary union is going to be shaky from the start.

The furore of the past few days has been a gift for Labour which Gordon Brown exploited in the Commons yesterday. Opposition is shrewder members of the Shadow Cabinet well understand the strains that a Labour government would face over a single currency. They would quickly learn about the destructive force of Europe.

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French fuel crisis grows as drivers' talks grind to halt

THE most serious bout of industrial unrest in France Copenhagen: About 600 since last winter's crippling 24-day transport strike worsened last night after a 14-hour negotiating session between union leaders and haulage bosses ended in mutual recriminations and deadlock. More than a dozen fuel

depots in the south and west have been sealed off by lorries and many petrol stations ran out of supplies on the eighth day of the protest by lorry drivers. "Most refineries are blocked," a spokesman for the French oil industry said.

The French drivers are demanding higher wages shorter working hours and retirement at 55 rather than 60. The Government-appoint-ed mediator, Roger Cros, arranged more talks as Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, urged the two sides to reach an agreement quickly. "The Government has done everything it can to get these negotiations moving. I'm following the talks hour by hour," M Juppé

Bordeaux, the southwestern city where M Juppe is mayor. has been the target of a particularly intensive blockade and most petrol stations in

Encouraged by opinion polls showing widespread public support in spite of the disruption, the French drivers vowed to intensify the protest. On Sunday the traffic information service reported that 60 major roads were partially or completely blocked, but by last night that figure had risen to 160, with countless smaller roads also affected. Lorries were stopped at five frontier crossings between France and Germany and the drivers also

Danish lorry drivers tried yesterday to disrupt traffic Denmark and Germany to protest over taxes. A police spokesman said: Only the actual Customs area at the Padborg checkpoint is af-fected. The bulk of the traffic is flowing normally." He said talks were under way with the Danish tax ministry. (Reuter)

zones and fuel depots in Le Havre and Rouen.

Production at the Renault car factory at Douai in northern France ground to a halt through lack of parts, and roads leading to and from the vast Rungis food market near Paris were blocked as drivers threatened to mount a fullscale blockade of the city.

Traffic on the main motorway north of the capital near Charles de Gaulle airport was cut to a single lane, causing huge tailbacks. A farmer attempted to break through a barricade in Valmont, Normandy, seriously injuring two lorry drivers. Roger Poletti, head of the

transport division of the powerful Force Ouvrière union, last night called on drivers to maintain the pressure. "We have obtained nothing." M Poletti said.

M Poletti was nicknamed "the Red Devil" by the British iers' strike of 1992 in which France was paralysed for ten days as lorry drivers blocked motorways in protest at a new points system for driving Before mounting the pres-

around the country visiting lorry drivers and local union representatives. "After talking to these people it was obvious we had to do something," he

"We wanted to negotiate but, when it became clear that it was no longer possible, we had to take action in order to improve welfare conditions."

represents is known to be relatively moderate and its involvement at this level in the blockades is a clear signal to the authorities of the seriousness of the hauliers' action and the widespread support it

enjoys.
Force Ouvriere was jointly responsible for spearheading last year's transport strike and obviously does not intend to be excluded from the latest fight for better pay and working conditions throughout the Born in Corsica, M Poletti,

57, served as a navigator in the French Air Force from 1958 to 1963. He joined the Paris Métro as a ticket puncher in 1964 and was soon a union activist. His fighting spirit is in his blood. Both my parents were militant unionists. I was so full of admiration for what they did, that I knew I must also become involved," he

His promotion to driver, and eventually supervisor, matched his ascent through union ranks, culminating with his election to his present post in 1992. "Decidedly, I am a terrible man," he says, referring to his old nickname with a chuckle. Although a selfavowed "man of the Left" he says he is neither communist. nor socialist, but describes



Lorries line up at Calais yesterday as French drivers intensified their blockade of roads to the ferry terminals after marathon talks to end the strike collapsed

Simpson caught out by phone messages

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

WITHIN minutes of resuming the witness stand yester-day, O.J. Simpson was caught apparently telling a lie about his activities on the night of the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson, his former wife, and her friend Ronald

After a tense cross-examinamarriage, Mr Simpson faced tough cross-examination yes-terday on 78 crucial minutes during which the murders happened and his where abouts are unaccounted for. Asked about his phone calls in the hours before that "win-

dow of opportunity" on June 12, 1994, a sombre Mr Simpson denied trying to retrieve messages from his then girl-friend, Paula Barbieri. He was shown printed records showing he twice called his message centre and asked if Ms Barbieri had tried to contact him.

"The reason you were try-ing to get in touch with her was because you were feeling alone, true?" Daniel Petrocelli, the Goldman family's lawyer asked, picking up a theme from Friday, when be presented a record of an eight-minute message from Ms Barbieri to Mr Simpson end-ing their relationship the day before the murders. The break-up, amid the wreckage of his 17-year marriage to Nicole, sent Mr Simpson into a murderous frenzy, the Goldman legal team claims.

Mr Simpson rejected the idea that he was lonely that night, or that he blamed his former wife for his mood. Mr Petrocelli's questioning moved towards the time of the murders and, in a tense faceto-face encounter in the closing minutes of Friday's evidence, the lawyer accused Mr Simpson of carrying them out. Mr Simpson has given a variety of alibis in media interviews and a lengthy pretrial deposition.

Leo Tyrell, a civil rights lawyer who has become Mr Simpson's unofficial media that in a civil trial, "we only need four votes" from the jury ported that Mr Simpson is nearly bankrupt and broods over the trial, but he remains a consummate performer.

70,000 in Milosevic protest

Belgrade: As protests entered a second week, a 70,000-strong crowd demonstrated on the Serbian capital's streets in a nationwide protests over attempts to annul opposition successes in municipal elections (Dessa Trevisan writes). Western countries, including the United States, Britain and France, have expressed dismay at the way the ruling Socialist Party of President Milosevic handled the elections. The opposition is calling for civil disobedience.

Libyan threat

Madrid: Libya may be able to attack Europe with nuclear weapons by 2006, El Mundo reported, apparently quoting secret Nato documents. Also listed as threats were Syria, Iraq, Iran and Russia

Hotel fire kills 3

New York: Three people died and 33 were hurt when fire swept through the residential Hamilton Hotel in Harlem. More than 150 firefighters tackled the blaze, which broke out on the fourth floor. (AP)

Aboriginal toll

Sydney: A report into aborigi-nal deaths in custody dis-closed that 96 died between 1989 and 1996, still a higher rate than white prisoners (Roger Maynard writes). Twenty-two died last year.

American 'free'

Tokyo: Carl Hunziker, an American who has been held in North Korea for three months on spying charges, is to be released and flown home, the United States Embassy here said. (Reuter)

Death plunge

New York: A boy aged two and his seven-year-old sister were critical in hospital after they were pushed off the top of a 14-storey building by their mother. The mother and

New beginning

New York: Adam and Eve form" than human, Cardinal John O'Connor said. Last month the Pope called evoluhypothesis". (AP)

Britons stuck in Calais 'being driven mad' in queues

BRITISH drivers stranded in Calais gave a warning that perishable cargoes would soon rot if the dispute for the solidarity shown by French lorry drivers was last night turning to open anger at the blockade.

As queues grew longer and tem-pers frayed, the Freight Transport

Association wrote to John Major, demanding that he intervene person-ally to end "this wholly unlawful behaviour" by the French. The dispute has already cost British hauliers

Tired and angry, British drivers briefly blocked the port to private cars before calling off the protest. Their tempers just boiled over ... Who can blame them?" said Kenny, who is carrying fruit. "As I look out of my cab window I see the French piercing oil drums ready to light bonfires so they keep warm through the night. They have us in a strangle-

oranges from Spain, has been in France for eight days; he should have been home in Grimsby last week. His 38-tonne vehicle is at the head of a

line of lorries stretching four miles back to a main route into the port.
"I brought over a load of sheep. carcasses to be delivered across northern Spain. The blockade began did a U-turn. Illegal and dangerous perhaps, but better than being stranded there forever and a day." Over the next 48 hours Mr Steele.

headed back for Calais. "I arrived just as they decided to step up their action. Soon I, will run low on fuel begins to perish." He added: "We had grudging respect for this lot ... the way they stick together. Now though, we are just sick of them."

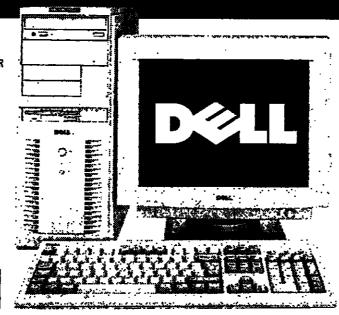
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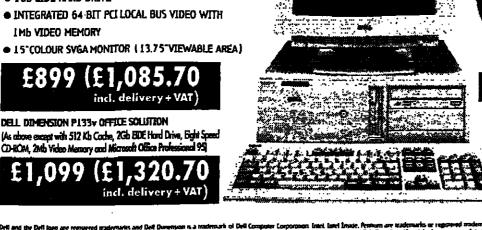


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Hitler adopted anti-Semitism 'merely as stepping-stone to power'

THE young Adolf Hitler had Jewish friends and developed a fierce anti-Semitic attitude only because it caught the popular mood and allowed him to build a mass movement. That is the conclusion of Brigitte Hamann, a Viennese academic, who has triggered a new historical controversy about Hitler's personal responsi-

bility for the Holocaust. Dr Hamann's scrupulous paper chase through Austrian and German archives showed Hitler respected and later protected the Jewish family doctor who treated. his mother's cancer, that he had Jewish friends in his working man's hostel in Vienna, and that he

The new findings of an Austrian historian support the "functionalist" theory behind the Holocaust, Roger Boyes writes from Bonn

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admired Jewish actors, actresses

The Austrian historian argues that Hitler's anti-Semitism was filtered through the newspapers and the political rhetoric of the day. He saw how populists such as Karl Luger, the Mayor of Vienna, manipulated the fears about east European Jews to whip up Austrian emotions and mobilise support. Hitler's hatred of Jews, to summarise Dr Hamann's theories crudely, was nothing personal - just a stepping-stone to power.

The book, Hitler's Vienna (Piper Verlag, Munich), has thrown another spanner into the neverending Holocaust debate between, "intentionalists" and broadly. "functionalists".

For "intentionalists" there is a direct relation between Hitler's biography and his ideology, and a

direct link between his ideology and Nazi policy. The British historian Gerald Fleming, for example, sees a straight line between Hitler's observations as a 15-yearold to a school colleague while passing a synagogue — "that does not belong here in Linz" — and the implicit, unwritten order to annihilate Jews decades later.

The "functionalists", working from the fact that there was no direct Hitler order for destroying the Jews, explained the Holocaust in terms of developing competitions between different Nazi institutions. Sometimes the functionalist thesis plays down Hitler's

All Hitler biographers search for the roots of his anti-Semitism. Some, noting Hitler was close to his mother, claim he took against the family doctor, Eduard Bloch. But Dr Hamann has been through Dr Bloch's cash receipts and hospital records and concludes that the Jewish doctor significantly undercharged the family.

Even after his mother's death, Hitler continued to write Christmas cards to the doctor and sent him a picture. After Austria's annexation in 1938, Dr Bloch asked Hitler for help and the Gestapo was told to protect him.

Dr Hamann found two versions of the memoirs of Hitler's

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key source for historians who argue that Hitler hated Jews from adolescence. The second version, published after the Second World War, had added material about anti-Semitism, presumably at the urging of the publisher.

The Austrian historian has also found enough documentation to demonstrate that Hitler was not rejected by Jewish professors at the lienna arts academy, which was also regarded by some biogra-phers as a probable motive for anti-Semitism. Another theory that he caught syphilis from a Jewish prostitute in Vienna — is dismissed, too.

of the most respected historians of the "functionalist" school said Dr Hamann's work, "demands a new evaluation of Hitler's role and forces his biographers to regard Hitler as an object and not just as a subject of political events"

Having talked repeatedly about the need to eliminate the Jews, Hitler did not connect his words with actions. "The book by Brigitte Hamann showed that Hitler lived in an ideological world that was adrift from reality. In 1944 he quoted a number of Jews living in Germany as if the number had not changed since 1938, as if the Holocaust had never happened."

Spanish leader bolsters Britain's European image

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

A SINGLE European currency would not be desirable or convenient" without Britain's full participation. José María Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, said yesterday.

Señor Aznar, who arrives in London tomorrow for talks at . 10 Downing Street, said that the purpose of his visit was to improve bilateral relations with Britain, where there are still a few irritations", and to have a detailed exchange of views with his "old friend", John Major, on the European Union, Gibraltar and Nato.

"I want to establish absolute confidence between Spain and Britain," Señor Aznar told The Times. "We are both great, proud nations, and there has to be a smoothest possible relationship between us." The Spanish Prime Minister, an. unflagging proponent of monetary union and greater political union in Europe, emphasised that he did not regard Britain as a "bad European".

He said: "I have no time for those who make it a habit of criticising London for everything. No one would be more delighted than I would be if Britain were to become an active participant in the construction of Europe, but I insist that we have to understand and respect its concerns. I do not say that I share these concerns, but they must be respected. After all, Britain

has its national interests to defend, as do all of us." In spite of his enthusiasm for the "European project",

Señor Aznar has always been careful to ring-fence "sovereignty". In The Second Transition, his book published two years ago, he wrote. "It is essential to affirm that the European project is, and must always be compatible with the respective national goals of its member states." Yesterday, interviewed at the Mondoa palace, in a room lined with Miró paintings, he repeated that assertion.

For the Spanish Prime Minister, however, membership of the first tier of economic and monetary union is a vital national interest. "Historically. Spain has tended to miss out on Europe's great movements. We were not at the top table when a 'modern Europe' was designed.

We are determined, now, to be there always. Spain entered this century as a weak country, without a project, a pulse. or a clear orientation. But it is entering the 21st century, I... assure you, as a strong, respecied and serious player."

Participation in the first round of monetary union would for Senor Aznar, be proof of Spain's "seriousness". It is a word he employs often. "I am confident that we will

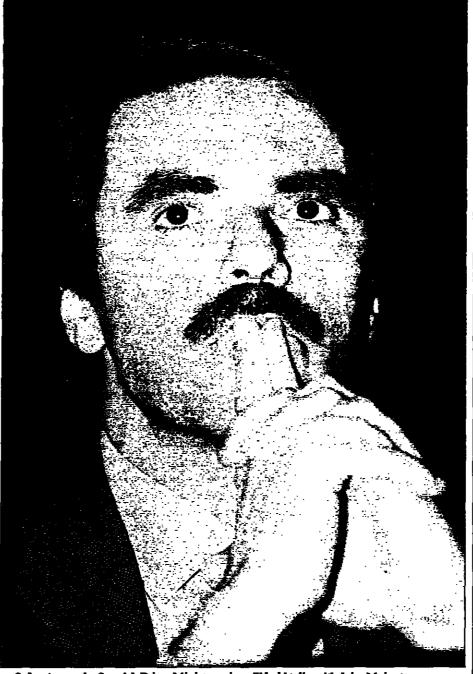
now have our lowest ever rate of inflation, our lowest ever interest rates, healthy savings, a stable currency, and growth based on investment."

Would the euro work without Britain's participation? "It would work, of course, in the sense that it would still exist. But such a state of affairs would not be desirable or convenient. I would like to see Britain in and that is one of the things I will discuss with Mr Major. But I'm sure that he has things to say to me too."

Gibraltar is also "very much" on the agenda. "Our position is crystal clear. We want it back, full stop. But we are not going to let that become an unhelpful obsession in our bilateral relations. The dispute is ... an inconvenience, one that curbs our relations from reaching plenitude, but we are determined not to let it get in the way of everything else."

Security issues will also be discussed, and here there is "almost total agreement" with Britain. Under Señor Aznar's initiative, parliament recently your of Spain's full integration into Nato's military structure, fulfilling a promise made before the general elections in March this year.

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Senor Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, who will hold talks with John Major tomorrow

Lukashenko sets sights on 'Slavic superstate' dream

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MINSK

THE President of Belarus yesterday celebrated his landslide victory in Sunday's refer-endum which, in effect, granted the autocratic leader one-man rule over the country into the next century.

In spite of complaints by monitors about an unfair campaign and voting irregularties, the Electoral Commission said that more than 70 per cent of the electorate backed the young and brash Aleksandr Lukashenko in his

attempt for greater power. The victory may have been a remarkable achievement for a man who was a virtual unknown two years ago when he was swept to office vowing to stamp out corruption. But his aggressive and unpredictable nature is also likely to cause concern throughout the strategic region, which straddles the fault lines between East and

Lukashenko has deliberately courted controversy with the West and has made clear that his political ambitions stretch beyond his country's borders. Earlier this year he enraged Washington by praising the Belarus armed forces for shooting down an American hot-air balloon, which left two

Since coming to power, Mr

Relations with the International Monetary Fund broke down after he failed to carry out economic reforms and a multi-billion pound loan agreement was suspended. Unlike the rest of the former

republics of the Soviet Union. Belarus under the rule of Mr Lukashenko is pressing for reintegration with Russia, and the President has made little secret of his desire to play a leading role one day in creating a Slavic superstate.

"Lukashenko's personal ambitions gave him a feeling of claustrophobia on Belarus's political stage," remarked the Moscow daily, Nezavisimaya Gazeta. "He dreams of playing on the Russian one."

Experts agree that Mr Lukashenko, 42, is a clever and ambitious populist politiremarkable rise to power from his humble beginnings as a collective-farm leader.

Yesterday, for instance, he told the nation that they "lived in a small island of order and stability in an ocean of chaos and anarchy" which prevailed in the rest of the former Soviet Union, an impression many of his countrymen share.

But opionions are divided over whether his aggressive and confrontational style of leadership is simply part of his image or a deeper, more sinister side of his character.

Much has been made about his remarks to a German newspaper in which he praised Hitler for "improving German society due to his strong rule*. Mr Lukashenko also suggested that Belarus. which lost one quarter of its population in the Second World War, needed the same type of leadership.

Santer fears a paradise lost

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

AS PARLIAMENT was agonising yesterday over plans for European monetary union, Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, said failure to proceed with the project would amount to "par-

The last time European monetary union was delayed, in the 1970s, Europe had to wait a generation, Mr Santer said. "Let me tell you one thing: if we delay EMU, it will

he 'paradise lost'."

Mr Santer deplored the way that people in Britain and Denmark, the two countries with opt-outs from the future euro, were "inventing stories" to prove that EMU would be a disaster. He attacked fears in Britain over the burden that the liabilities of continental state pensions could impose on a monetary union. I am ighly amazed by such sto-

Brussels: Maita said yesterday it had put on hold its application to join the European Union and was a special tie. "We don't see any importance in withdrawing our application. We're putting it in the deep freeze." George Vella, the Foreign Minister,

said, (Reuter)

ries," he said in a speech delivered for him in Dublin. Mr Santer, who has taken a more aggressive stance towards British resistance to European Union policies, said he was convinced that the Dublin summit next month would produce agreement on a new exchange rate mechanism for those that do not participate in the euro. Stability of exchange rates among all EU states was vital for the func-tioning of the single market. he noted. "It is now agreed that states not participating in the euro from 1999 onwards will submit convergence programmes," he said. Through Kenneth Clarke,

the Chancellor, Britain has declared its acceptance of the principle of submitting economic plans to Brussels. Since the Maastricht treaty in 1993. the practice has been followed on a voluntary basis. Mr Santer did note, however, that membership of the new-style ERM would be voluntary.

Continuing in literary vein, Mr Santer said Europe was "no longer waiting for Godot". the character in the Samuel Beckett play who never ar-rives". "Unlike Godot, the euro will come and will be with us in 1999."

Deputies threaten to impeach Yeltsin

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL

KEY members of the Communist-dominated lower house of parliament threatened President Yeltsin with impeachment yesterday in what looked like whipped up outrage against the peace settlement in

Opposition deputies said that by ordering the with-drawal of the last remaining troops from the breakaway republic, the President had betrayed Russian statehood. "We are witnessing the beginning of the break-up of Rus-sia," said Viktor llyukhin, a nationalist, who heads the security committee in the state Duma. This is sufficient to initiate impeachment proceed-ings against the President."

It will be impossible to carry through the impeachment procedure. It requires a twothirds majority in the Duma and confirmation by the upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, after proof has been established of state treason or the committing of a heavy crime" by both the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Court

The Communists' plans suggest they may be trying to attract elements in the armed forces to a new idea, stopping the supposed threat of Chechnya seceding from the federation. The tactic suggests desperation on the part of a political opposition that has been shut out of power for four years by Mr Yeltsin's reelection and has few levers of influence.

Mr Yeltsin recently set up a "consultative council" that includes Gennadi Seleznyov, the Communist Speaker of the Duma, but Mr Seleznyov complained last night that the latest Chechen peace deal had not been discussed at last week's meeting of the council.

The peace accord, signed over the weekend, effectively recognises the de facto position in the republic: that the separatists have taken control and are the only power to be reckoned with.



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FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME PROFESSOR Romano Prodi, nation and sink into North the Italian Prime Minister,

Neo-Nazis on

trial over Briton attack

FROM ROGER BOYES

TWO young neo-Nazis went on trial yesterday for an attack on three black British building workers, which left one of them paralysed.

Sandro Ristau, 19, and Mario Pōuer, 24, admit chasing the Britons' car on June 16 at Mahlow, south of Berlin, but deny that one of them threw a stone at the vehicle. causing it to crash and leaving Noel Martin, 37, of Birmingham, badly injured. The two are charged with assault causing grievous bodily harm.

Prodi takes high-risk gamble on lira's future

yesterday hailed the re-entry of the lira into the exchangerate mechanism (ERM) after a four-year hiatus as "of the utmost importance" for Italy's attempt to join the European single currency in 1999.

If was "a sign-of confidence in the stability we have given the country", he said. The liralater rallied against the mark.
Officials admitted, however.

that Italy had been in a weak bargaining position. "The clock was against us," one said, noting that two years of ERM membership is seen as a precondition for joining the

single currency.
The centre-right opposition led by Silvio Berlusconi and leading industrialists said Signor Prodi's centre-left coalition had "stored up trouble for the future" by adopting an economic strategy of high taxation which risked recession and unemployment.

"Joining Europe" is still an article of faith in Italy. There is a fear that if Italy is left "outside Europe" as integration proceeds, it will be seen as a second-rate Mediterranean

Africa". La Repubblica applauded Signor Prodi's "courage" yesterday. It said: "If we become a bit less Italian and a bit more European, well, not before time."

Nonetheless, since the summer, when the high cost of "Europe" began to sink in, Signor Prodi has faced outright opposition and street protests. The 1997 budget. designed to cut \$40 billion (£24 billion) off the huge public deficit, has been greeted by a storm of criticism.

La Stampa said: "If we had known what the cost of joining the single currency would be, we would have thought about it more carefully." Prodi charge: A Rome

magistrate has applied for Signor Prodi and five others to be charged with "abuse of office" over alleged "irregularities" in 1993 in the privatisation of a state-owned food and agricultural company. In Sicily, prosecutors recommended that an inquiry into Signor Berlusconi over alleged Mafia ties be dropped.

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Rwandans gripped by fear as Hutus return from Zaire

FROM SAM KILEY IN TABA

ELIZABETH, a Hutu, stared in terror as her fellow tribesmen walked back into town. Married to a Tutsi who was killed in the 1994 genocide, she had lived in fear of reprisals for her refusal to participate. Yesterday, she watched some of the most notorious killers return home. Taha, 20 miles south of Kigali, the Rwandan capital,

was the scene of horrible crimes when Hutu extremists murdered a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates. The atrocities included mass murder and the systematic gang rapes and abductions of Tutsi its former burgomestre

(mayor), Jean Paul Akeyesu, is being held in a United Nations iail in Arusha, charged with genocide and crimes against humanity. Elizabeth, who will be a witness for the prosecution, has been threatened repeatedly by Hutus in Taba. Now that about 200 other

Roquebrune-Cap-Martin: President Mobutu of Zaire is expected to return home from France this week, a Zairean source said. Mr Mobutu, 66, had a medical check-up yesterday, three months after an operation for prostate cancer in Switzerland. Last week Kengo wa Dondo, Zaire's Prime Minister, said the President would return after the check-up. (AP)

Hutus have returned from exile in eastern Zaire's refugee camps, she says she does not feel safe even though she lives next door to the local administration offices under 24-hour armed guard. "What if I walk into the market? I can easily be seized and taken away and killed in the bush. No one would speak out to protect me," she said. "I am more afraid now than I have been

since the genocide." In 1994 her own brothers slaughtered three of her children because they looked like their father. Yesterday she was brought face to face with men she saw kill her friends and family.

"I know some of these men. They are killers. Now where can I live? I want to testify in Arusha [the Tanzanian location of the UN genocide trials] but I am sure I won't live long enough." she said, gesturing secretly at a group of Hutu refugees who had walked into the village earlier with their

She was not the only frightened person in a village gripped by silent fear. Some Hutus walked in fearing de-nunciation as killers. Tutsi survivors, living in a compound under armed guard because they dare not return home for fear of Hutu neighbours already back in the country, watched them arrive knowing that the genocide

200 Tutsis who live under As he spoke, Rosanne and

was not yet over. "We are still

afraid of the interahamwe (the

Hutu militia). They have con-

tinued to kill us over the past

two years and now more are

coming into town," said

Joseph Habimana, 38, one of

Georges, tugging behind them Phillipe, five, arrived in the village and joined other Hutu returnees in a small group next to the Tutsi compound. The couple did not want to talk much. Both sweated and panted in fear as Tutsis they knew eyed them across a few yards of grass. Georges stared at the

A refugee carries her child towards the Rwandan border yesterday after leaving her forest hideout in Zaire

ground, arctious not to catch the eyes of an old neighbour. Rwanda is already holding 85,000 alleged killers in over-crowded jails. None has come to trial because the judicial system was wiped out with the Tursis.

By supporting rebels who cleared out North Kivu's Hutu

refugee camps and attacked the interahanwe, Rwanda's Government has taken a huge gamble. Although no one can be sure how many extremists have returned with the Hutu civilians, there is no doubt that the mass influx of refugees has been a useful cover for members of the interahamwe.

Chiluba acts to gag poll monitors

By Jan Raath

PRESIDENT CHILUBA of Zambia, within days of his landslide election victory, ordered the arrest of the heads of two independent, Westernfunded monitoring groups which said the electoral process was not free or fair.

Police were holding documents and equipment seized in a raid on Sunday on the offices of the Inter-Africa Network for Human Rights, and the Zambia Independent Monitoring Team. The two organisations are key members of the alliance of 18 poll monitoring groups that ac-cused Mr Chiluba's ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy of creating "a climate of uncertainty" around the voting last Monday.

Ngande Mwanajiti, chairman of the alliance, the Committee for a Clean Campaign, and Alfred Zulu, head of the monitoring team, were freed on Sunday after being questioned by police. Three officials of the opposition Zambia Democratic Congress are said to have gone into hiding.



By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

national community yester-day for failing to decide whether to send a multinational force to Zaire to help to rescue thousands of refugees.

As a steering committee met last night at the United Nations in New York to consider military options outlined in Stuttgart during the weekend, Herve de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, was critical of the delay in deploying a humanitarian force.

Speaking in Brussels. where he was attending a meeting of European Union foreign ministers, he said: "Is it because they are African that the international community is less interested?" He added: "It is urgent. The French position is that the ternational force . than ever necessary."

Despite his remarks, many countries that had offered troops are now admitting the mission is becoming increasingly difficult to define.

The Stuttgart meeting underlined the importance of restricting any multinational effort toaid work, but the fear is that intervention could lead to confrontation with rebel

În Manila, Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister of Canada, which has offered to lead a multinational force, said military intervention might

FRANCE criticised the inter- still be needed but that 1,000 troops could be sufficient. Referring to original plans to send 10,000-12,000 troops, he said: "My judgment is we don't need 10,000 people. It might be more in the range of

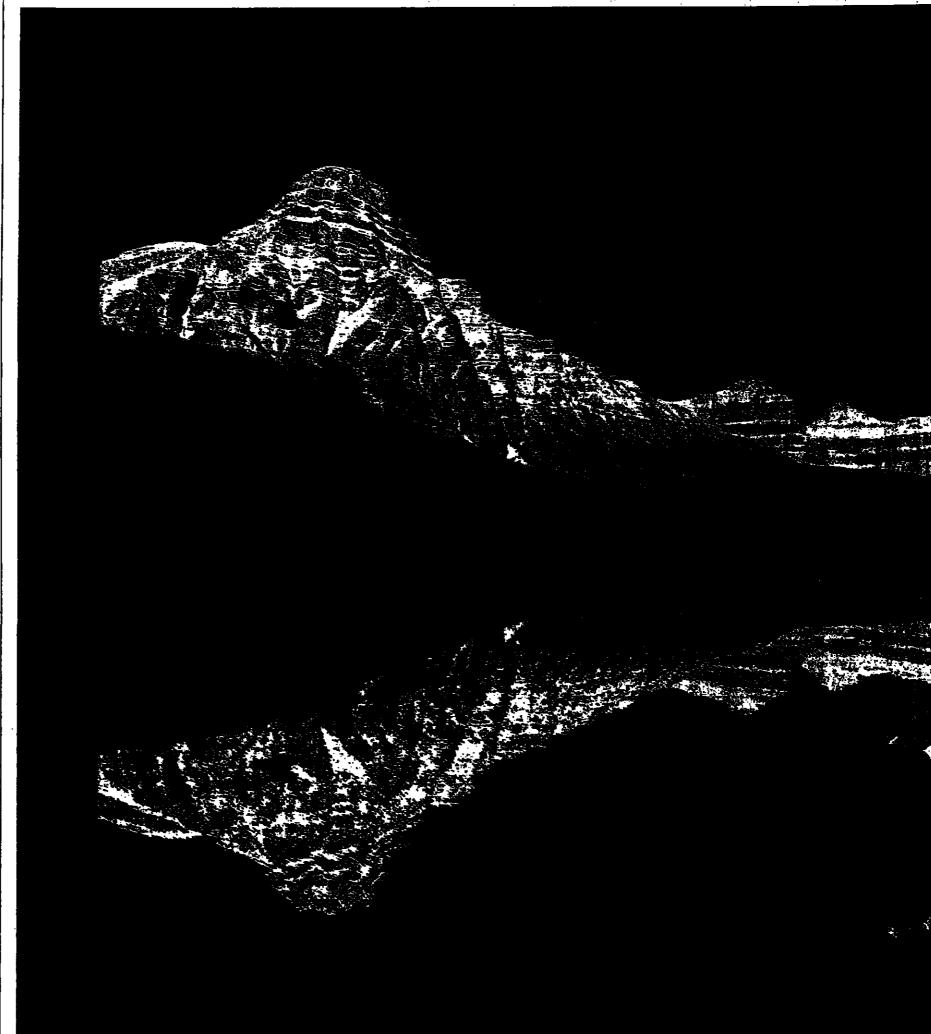
1,000 or 1,500." Mr Chrétien added: "I know that many countries want to participate to help the delivery of humanitarian aid. Many countries are still very keen on that."

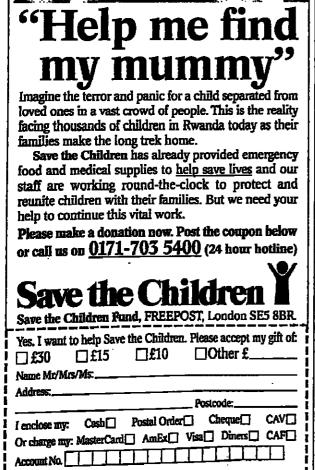
Douglas Young, the Canadian Minister of National Defence, who met William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, in Washington, said the situation in Africa was "very complicated" and "one not easily addressed".

Dr Perry said that American aircraft support teams were in place at Mombasa Kenya, and at Entebbe in Uganda, to set up an "air bridge" of supplies for a relief operation. The United States was "prepared" to provide help. Britain, meanwhile, remained "interested but cau-

tious", as one official put it.

The UN Security Council authorised a Canadian-led multinational force of up to 12,000 troops. However, after hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees left Zaire, the need for such a mission was questioned. An estimated 200,000 refugees are still in the Bukavu area.





Crisis in Central Africa

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Hillary Clinton to

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can't be very concerned about

it or distracted by it, so I really

spend very little time thinking

Mrs Chinton's remarks,

published yesterday, brought

immediate condemnation

from leading Republicans.

Tommy Thompson, Governor

of Wisconsin, an active sup-

porter of welfare reform, said:

We've finally got the chance to move people off welfare,

and we really don't need the

tender, loving care of Hillary

Mr Clinton has committed

himself to softening the

harshest aspects of the Repub-

lican-backed welfare Bill

which he signed before the

election, particularly the re-

moval of benefits from immi-

grants and their children. The

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Clinton to mess it up."

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No Mich 150

committed to helping poor

children. Republicans are con-

cerned that she would use

welfare reforms as a way of

redressing the Administra-

The White House played

down talk of a formal role for

Mrs Clinton, saying that no

Mrs Clinton's wish for a

higher profile is in contrast to

her near invisible position

during the election campaign.

When President Clinton hint-

ed that his wife might have a prominent post-election role in

a television interview in Sep-

tember, she responded that

the remark was quite

Since the election, Mrs Clin-

ton has been outspoken about

the frustrations of the First

Lady's role. She told a group

plans had been announced.

tion's centrist tone.

THE United States demonstrated its power in Manila at the fourth annual summit of the Asian-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, which ended vesterday, but equally apparent were the

limits of American might.
Since 1990 the United States has been pushing the Pacific region to create a largely free-trade area by 2020. For the smaller countries, however, this seems like an invitation to have their throats cut in a competitive free-

The failure of the Americans to get

what they wanted on an information technology agreement, which was very close to being the centrepiece of their efforts here, was papered over by language with which officials professed their "delight"; in effect that such a goal to end global tariffs on information technology was a worthy one.

President Clinton appealed to the other 17 Pacific leaders to agree to free trade in computers, software, microchips and a range of telecommunications technology by 2000. This would result in free trade in a market that consumes 80 per cent of a worldwide trade amounting to \$500 billion (£303) billion). However, developing countries, led by Malaysia and China, fear that if barriers fall, the United States and Japan will swamp the region's electronic industry. That America declined to include low-cost products such as telephones proved to its adversaries that it also protects its industries. Mr Clinton has made it plain in the past week that America intends to maintain its Pacific trading interests.

Although many countries are uneasy about China's growing economic might, many also favour its early entry into the World Trade Organisation (WTO), where the United States is playing its trump card to get China to stop its arms smuggling to "rogue nations" such as Iran. Stop the arms trade, Washington had told Peking last week, and open up your markets, and the door to the WTO will open.

Apart from a deal on presidential visits. Mr Clinton achieved nothing concrete in his talks with China. However, even to achieve this he had virtually to ignore Chinese human rights abuses

☐ Bangkok: General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, a former Thai Army commander, was sworn in as Prime Minister yesterday, in time for a state visit by Mr Clinton. At the Apec forum Thailand was represented by Banharn Silpa-archa, the outgoing leader. (AP)



Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's Prime Minister, is left out as President Clinton encourages his fellow Pacific leaders to perform "the wave"

would also come while the Whitewater investigations nto the presidential couple's personal financial dealings continue to pose the threat that she will be indicted for perjury. or obstruction of justice. She bld Time magazine "Apparently that will always be with us. So my attitude is that I

HILLARY CLINTON is seek-

ng a leading role in plans to

overhaul the United States

welfare system, in a sharp reversal of the wallflower part

she has played for the past two

years. The move would put the

President's wife at the centre of

what may prove the bloodiest

political battleground of the Clinton Administration's ser-

Mrs Clinton's wish for a

formal role" will also reawak-

en one of the most bitter

controversies of the first term

whether the unelected pos-

ition of First Lady should be

used to shape policy. Attacks on her widened after her

radical proposals to reform.

healthcare collapsed under

their complexity before reach-

Her renewed prominence

ing Congress.

sponsibility for welfare from of 400 prominent Australian federal government back to women last week that the the states, has the support of President's wife was under much of the Republican-conpressure "totally to withdraw trolled Congress. and perhaps put a bag over In contrast to her husband's your head, or somehow make conservative brand of Democraffe policy, Mrs Clinton has opinions and no ideas about been liberal leaning throughanything - and never express out her career, particularly them, publicly or privately".

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clear that you have no for-all with the economic giants.

Safety errors led to ValuJet crash

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A CATALOGUE of errors surrounding the crash of America's ValuJet Flight 592 has opened questions about the safety of low-cost airlines in what is statistically the world's safest aviation system.

On average, it takes five safety-system failures to cause a commercial jet crash in America, but the ValuJet accident in May, which killed all 110 passengers and crew, appears to have come after a chain of mistakes that could

have been averted. The crash is said to have been caused by the loading of 144 oxygen generators into the forward cargo hold of the DC9, fuelling a fire that forced the jet to plunge into the Florida Everglades.

Although a final report is months away, testimony and documents brought before hearings in Miami last week noint to at least eight key failures. Under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations no airline has been required to install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in all cargo holds since 1993. The first sign of trouble on the Valulet were screams of "fire, fire" in the cabin.

The independent carrier's

baggage handlers never oues tioned the nondescript label on a series of cardboard boxes which read "oxy canisters empty". Shipping clerks at SabreTech, the contract maintenance depot where the boxes were loaded, had failed to label the generators as hazardous material or pack them properly.
The FAA inspector respon-

sible for Valulet's maintenance programme relied on SabreTech. The airline's two principal FAA inspectors were unable to keep pace with the fastest growing carrier in American history. Pleas for extra help were turned down but a FAÀ report in Wa: ton, shown to the inspectors after the crash, had determined three months earlier

that the airline was in tmuble Finally, the hazardous materials staff at the FAA had been cut back as resources were switched to security after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie in

1988.
"I think all of us felt betrayed," said Richard Kessler, who lost his wife in the accident. "The public trust is betrayed by the FAA."

Saddam's 'dud Scuds' worry UN monitors

By Christopher Walker, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY six years after the Gulf War ceasefire, a senior arms control inspector admitted yesterday that the UN faced "very grave problems" in ensuring that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq is not concealing banned Scud mis-

The latest clash between the UN and the Baghdad regime centres around an Iraqi refusal to permit the UN to investigate fears that sleight of hand enabled them to substitute duds for powerful rocket engines supposedly destroyed

under the ceasefire terms. Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) said one of the main obstacles was Baghdad's refusal to allow the wreckage of scrapped missile engines out of Iraq for

The refusal, part of the obstructionist policy ordered by Saddam, has increased fears that Iraq may be hiding up to 16 missiles with ranges beyond the 90 miles maximum permitted under the

ceasefire terms. Western and Israeli intelligence officials are concerned that the Iraqi leader could use concealed Scuds to launch a chemical or biological attack against Israel, although he has been warned that such a move could result in nuclear retaliation,

Mr Duelfer said Iraq's refusal to allow the missile engines to leave the country violated its obligations under the 1991 ceasefire signed after Iragi troops were driven out of Kuwait. Baghdad has asked UNSCOM to send experts to study the engines inside Iraq, claiming the request for their removal was designed to prolong sanctions imposed for the

1990 invasion of Kuwait. About 60 engines for longrange missiles which Iraq said it destroyed in 1992 are currently stored in boxes at UNSCOM headquarters in Bachdad ready for shipment abroad. According to UN officials, a further 20-25 remain buried at two sites

near the capital. Speaking in Kuwait, Rolf Ekeus, UNSCOM's chairman, said he feared Saddam was attempting to hide operational missile engines by de-

stroying dud ones. The UN will not lift a ban on Iragi oil exports until UNSCOM reports that it no longer has any banned weapons of mass destruction and that it cannot replace them. □ New York: The long-delayed "oil-for-food" deal for Iraq was back on track after Baghdad agreed to the deployment of UN observers to monitor implementation of the agreement (James Bone writes). Nizar Hamdoun, Iraq's UN ambassador, said after a meeting with officials here that Iraq could begin shipping its first oil since the

The UN-approved deal allows Iraq, which is still under a comprehensive UN trade embargo, to sell up to \$1 billion (£625,000) worth of oil every six months to buy food and essential supplies. A detailed agreement, signed in May, fell apart in August when traqi troops intervened to help a Kurdish group fighting a rival faction in the Kurdish-controlled north of

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When your hand is a deadly enemy

Anjana Ahuja reports on a bizarre syndrome

he terror is unbelievable. It stalks you when you are alone or in company. when you are awake or asleep. This is the nightmare of alien hand syndrome. where one hand takes on a life of its own. "Sometimes I think it has eyes," says Larry, one sufferer. "It's almost like it knows where it's going. It hunts for my other hand, and it

is always working for destruction."

The bizarre condition has an intriguing history but no known cure, as shown in Alien Hand, a documentary for the Discov-cry channel (tonight, 8pm). Alien hand syndrome was first noted in 1908 by the German neurologist Kurt Goldstein, when a woman patient confided that she could not sleep for fear of being strangled by her own left hand. However, Goldstein's investigations were hampered by the fact that little was known about the brain.

Decades later, a young scientist at the California Institute of Technology began some revolutionary animal experiments. Roger Sperry hoped to uncover the role of the corpus callosum, a large central portion of brain matter thought to hold the two hemispheres together. He split this part of the brain in cats and monkeys, and at first noted nothing amiss. Experiments later showed that when monkeys were shown signals to one eye, they were unable to respond appropriately with their opposite hand. In other words, animals with split brains could no longer coordinate separate sides of the body.

perry then met Joe Bogen, a neuro-surgeon looking for a way of alleviat-ing severe epilepsy. Bogen hit upon a radical idea — seizures (electrical storms in the brain) could be controlled by splitting the brain and containing the seizure in one hemisphere. But the risks were incredible what would such a person be like?

Encouraged by Sperry's experiments, Bogen operated on ten patients in the early Sixties. Each operation entailed severing 200 million nerves in the corpus callosum. In nine out of ten cases, the seizures improved. For a while, the patients' left hands (for some strange reason, the left hand is usually affected) came "alive". However, for most patients the symptoms disappeared after several months.
"It's possible that the brain reconnected

itself," says Dr Todd Feinberg, a neuropsy-chiatrist at the Beth Israel Medical Centre in New York. Dr Feinberg estimates there are about 100 cases of alien hand syndrome in the world, making it extremely rare. Some are Alzheimer's sufferers, some are severe epileptics who underwent surgery and others have been brain-damaged by stroke. Dr Feinberg says: "In most cases the syndrome disappears, but in the others we don't know of any therapy or medication

Damaged children must be adopted or fostered as a matter of urgency, says Karen Irving

doption touches the lives of many more people than is commonly realised. Since 1926, nearly one million child-

ren have been adopted. The topic is rarely out of the news, providing the media with endless stories

— and a handy paddle with which to
beat social workers, who are perceived as at best inept, or at worst malevolent. depriving worthy citizens of their right to parenthood.

As a professional in the field for many years I find myself amazed at the contrast between the public perception of adoption as mirrored in the media and the reality as I see it in the case files of the brutalised children for whom mine and other adoption agencies struggle to find families today.

In the real world of adoption these are the facts: adoption numbers have declined dramatically. In 1968, 25,000 children were adopted. In 1993, 7,000 children and of those more than half were adopted by their step-parent. The number of babies adopted throughout the 1990s was well under 1,000 per year. Adoptions of older children in care have increased. In 1994, the 2,300 children in local authority care placed for adoption represented 5 per cent of all children in care. This compares with only 3 per cent of all children in care in 1991.

Who are these children? Most of them have had miserable lives. Some have been subjected to acts of utter degradation. As I began to write this article, I looked again at the case histories of the 20 children currently referred to our agency for adoption. None of them is the healthy baby often regarded as the most desirable subject for adoption. Five are severely disabled, mentally and physically. But even though one of these is 13. we will almost certainly find loving families to adopt them.

It is the remaining 15 children who trouble me and my colleagues most deeply. These are the children who are traumatised as a result of neglect and who have been assaulted physically and sexually. Most of them will have suffered other, less visible, insula. As belief in the particular their dealers in the particular their dealers. babies in the womb their developing bodies and minds will have been adversely affected by drugs and alcohol taken by the mother. Recent research shows that babies in the womb are profoundly affected by the conditions experienced by their mother during gestation. The unborn baby is sensitised before birth to the disorganised life experienced by an unsupported, vulnerable, mother. The baby is likely to develop disordered thought processes, be hyperactive and have difficulty in concentrating. Such children would be difficult for any parent to manage. But a drug-addicted mother who is also a heavy user of alcohol and who supports her habit by prostitution is not well placed to care for a baby who cannot be content because his brain has been damaged. Worse, such a child will often witness acts of sex and violence and be at

The child may remain in a dangerous home for several years. Natural law and effort be made to keep the child with his family of origin. Heroic efforts are often



Adoption figures have declined dramatically. The children who are left have had lives traumatised by neglect and abuse and are often beyond family help

The lost children

made to support parents' attempts to keep their children. And there are success stories. But for some children, the fight to keep them at home compounds the damage they have experienced. The older the child, the

harder it is to find good parents to adopt. So damaged are some of the children that they are beyond family help. We know that those children, if they are to survive, must be contained and receive therapy in well managed, well resourced residential units. The chances

of them getting the right place are slim. What makes a child as young as five or six uncontrollable, unreachable, dan-gerous to himself and others? I do not know the complete answer. What I do know is what has happened to some of the children whose files I read.

alcohol. He has been hit, locked in cupboards, tortured and forced to participate in the sexual activities of his parents and visitors. Mark never wants to return home. In response to the traumatic events of his life, he behaves in ways that are unfamiliar and alarming to the public. He has nightmares. He urinates in his bedroom. He soils his pants and hides them behind the radiator. He lies about everything, and he steals constantly. He masturbates in public. He makes sexual approaches to younger children. At the table he grabs at food and gorges it, then sometimes vomits it up. He cannot be left alone with small children or animals. Mark is

nine years old. We know that some children with experiences such as Mark's will go on to trained to deal with it and supported the damage is much less than that professionally. The families need to be caused by multiple moves in he care paid allowances that reflect the impor-tance of their task. They need paid time In An off. Other children need preparation to understand what it will mean to have a needy child in their home.

e need urgently to explore ways of responding to the foster adopt family. On the other savagely traumatised hand, there may be benefits to the child, children at an age when the mother and to the foster adopt they can still be helped. Projects in family if the processes are properly America and Denmark have been handled by professionals who include developing ways of measuring which the mother in the decisions. To set up families will recover from deviant such schemes in Britain would require the having the such schemes in Britain would require the having the such schemes in Britain would require the having the such schemes in Britain would require the having the such schemes in Britain would require the having the such schemes in Britain would require the such schemes in Britain would require the such schemes in Britain would require the same such schemes in Britain would require the same scheme.

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families can help such damaged child adopt the child. There is undoubtedly ren — if they are told what to expect anxiety for all in this arrangement, but

In America there is no shortage of families to loster adopt. They eel that because the children are very young.

there is time to help them. There are obvious risks. Some argue that the scales are balanced in favour of behaviour.

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'I left Oxford and joined the circus

hen I was youn-ger, I wanted to be a monkey trainer in a circus. Growing up within the cosy parameters of a north Oxford garden and the rarefied society of academics and artists, I had this thing about monkeys, and circuses too.

Then fate took a hand. My brother married a girl whose American cousins founded a circus, Circus Flora. Her brother, Gerald, went to work for them as a set painter, fell in love with the elephant and has never come home.

When I was 18, Gerald offered me a job with Circus Flora. The pastoral dream that my family had lived after moving from Oxford to the country had just been shat-tered. We had had it all: Shetland ponies in the kitchen at teatime, summer evenings in the hay field, hound pup-pies and bantam chicks, skating by candlelight on the

The year I left school, Mum fell off her horse and was in a coma for two months, suffering acute brain damage. My childhood was suddenly and irredeemably over. The following year, I joined Circus Flora on a trip to the United States for a month before going to was amazed by what I saw:

These people of many nationalities, they all live together as a family and help each other. I feel that this is Utopia ... "I gushed to my diary. America was hot, jolly and wild. I went on an overnight journey with some American roustabouts to deliver a trailer to a circus wintering on a police airfield in Brooklyn. We arrived in the early morning and the sun was shining through the fog. lighting the side of the starry tent and the flanks of some Arab ponies, catching too on the blades of the police heli-

copters that were all around us

in the air. I arrived back in England with a spanner in my back pocket, a tape of the show music and a handful of sawdust bound in a shred of the clown's balloon. Sleary, the old man of the circus in Dickens's Hard Times, was the only literary hero I needed at Oxford: "People muthed be amuthed thouire, they can't yet a learning. They mutht be amuthed. Do the withe thing and the kind thing too. thquire, and make the betht of vagabondth, not the

I wrote my first essay on this text. It was a good essay and it must have falsely raised my tutor's hopes: I was lazy and left Oxford with a second. But I knew what I wanted to do and I thought it would be easy. wanted to join the circus. My view of circus people, as

I had seen them in America, was verified by Hard Times where Dickens talks about them having "a remarkable gentleness and childishness a special ineptitude for any kind of sharp practice, and an untiring readiness to help and pity one another, deserving often as much respect and always as much generous construction as the everyday virtues of any other class of

people in the world". did not take into account that this was 19th-century England and that the novel sets the circus up as a fairytale contrast to the industrial society, with old Sleary a merry Oxford graduate Nell Stroud fulfilled every little girl's fantasy. But, she says, the reality of life in the big top can sometimes be anything but glamorous

antithesis to the dreadful Gradgrind. Nor did I take into account that in America I hadbeen among family, warm and well-paid. Everyone falls from innocence at some point, and I hit the ground hard.

Through ringing box-office numbers, I soon found work as a circus groom. I joined Richie Richards Mega Circus in Manchester. I bought a van at an auction and a caravan in a pub for E50.

When I arrived at the ground, an alsatian rattled its chain and barked in front of a caravan with a white Mercedes parked next to it. The caravan had aluminium

circus.

books about the theatre and made Wildean quips. He wanted to run away but it was a hopeless aspiration. His parents controlled his finances, so he was tied to the I learnt a lot from him. He

taught me the cir-

me about the big shows of the Fifties

ground big enough

to warrant an in-

ternal postal sys-

tem. I learní, too, of

and a snob. I was

also an animal rights protester

in disguise. (Circus people are

understandably paranoid about the animal rights move-

ment, which has all but driven

them out of business.) I was becoming very nred. There

was no time to eat or wash.

and a groom is on 24-hour call.

All I wanted to do was sleep.

The weather turned cold and

the tenting season was over.

We drove to a scrapyard

outside Edinburgh, where we

wintered for a month before

doing a Christmas season in a

bleak as it sounds. I was

permanently freezing and very

lonely. My caravan leaked and my dog shivered. We moved to the halls for the

show; I was to ride on one of

the elephants, dressed in frills

and sequins with streaks of

liquid eye-liner hurriedly app-

lied between mucking out the

lambs and grooming the po-

nies. The band played Scot-

land the Brave. It was

brilliant — the best thing I

Wintering with a circus is as

hall in the city.



Nell Stroud: in her dream role at the circus at last

steps, a yellow and white awning and 'I just hanging gerani-ums. A woman came to the door and stared at me. the place She said that she didn't usually take of my people to look after the animals with dreams out references. my yan and said she hoped I had all the right paper-

work as they were very particular about that sort of thing. I learnt that they were less-particular about that sort of thing than they made out. Being an outsider, I tended to receive a carefully modified version of events; but I soon learnt to see through the artifice. I also learnt how to deal in suspicion and lies.

trapeze artist told me not to trust anybody. Not even me," she way of surviving, which was to give no information away about myself or pass on gossip or comment on anybody, but to treat life as one huge

research project. Mr Richards was an extremely bad-tempered man. About ten years before, he had had a terrible row with one of the clowns in the middle of the night. In a fury, the clown had driven over Mr Richards in a lorry and was about to kill him with a final wheelspin to the head when somebody realised

what was happening and wheels. But they had to remove a section of Mr Richards's skull, and I think that his violent temper had something to do with this.

Richie Richards Jr was a clown. He was not a normal circus boy — not robust or bright and sharp. He wanted to educate himself, so he read

The AA man thought that I was trying to steal the van. I drove all night to my aunt's farm outside Newcastle. where, caked in elephant muck and my face black with tear-drenched eyeliner, I had a normal family Christmas, fed pheasant by my wonderful ut I could not forget the circus, I wanted to be a performer. I spent a few months

from these few minutes a day. life was deteriorating. The

weather was hitting record

lows and I could not take any

more of Mr Richards's tem-

per. I did something that I always swore I would never do: I scarpered in the middle of

There was a heavy blizzard

and the ignition key snapped.

the night.

at a circus school - but the people were not like circus people at all. "This is like a first-year drama production at a sixth-form college," my sister wryly observed when she saw the show. I was demoralised. Somewhere, I knew, the picture of the circus I had in my head must exist. I just didn't know where. And then my luck changed

and a new circus arose like a dream over the horizon. In a field behind the beach at Margate was Santus Circus the real circus of my imagination and fantasy. There was a green and yellow tent, with a star-patterned ring curtain.

little spotted ponies, and goats. Everywhere, art and life collide - the elephant standing in the evening sunshine in front of a lorry painted with circus ponies, and in front of that two clowns looking into the engine of a Land Rover. That night, Ernest Santus, the circus director, offered me a job as the ringmistress.

its a nerve-racking role Circus people are sharp dealers in one-liners and off-thecuff banter, and I found this cus jargon. He told sharpness of mind and tongue difficult to learn. Welcome to Santus Circus, on a bright afternoon (so bright that the when you might find 80 clowns on a spotlight dazzles you and the show and a circus audience disappears - are you facing the wrong way?)

Moving across the South of England in slow, midnight convoys, I follow behind the ing to pull the new caravan I had bought from a taxi driver. I have never been so house proud. It has a shower and soft seats, a huge kitchen table and lights hidden behind pelmets. When we stop, through the lace curtains I can see an elephant grazing from the

There are certain lines that capture the spirit of the circus people - bits of quotes that I learnt at Oxford which I keep remembering: Their death-less attachment to freedom . . . their self-esteem and wonderful sympathy ... the air they have of people who never knew how it felt to stand in the ence of superiors."

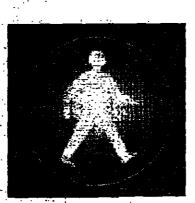
I wish that more people went to the circus. No type of entertainment is more hardearned, more vigorous. One of the girls stands on her head on a trapeze that is swinging and spinning at the same time, half-lit and the music far away, all arched over by the stretched roof of the tent. Old Sleary was right: make the best of these people. Reproduced from the December

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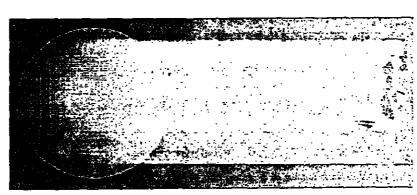
Ringmaster Nell Stroud: "It's nerve-racking," she says. "Circus people are sharp dealers in one-liners and banter"



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Revenge of the routiers on Juppé

Gridlocked France cheers the

drivers, says Ben Macintyre

he French lorry driver, or routier, is a figure deeply embedded in the national mythology: he can cut you up at a roundabout with a surgeon's precision: he eats well, having an entire species of roadside restaurants labelled in his honour; his repertoire of expletives and graphic hand gestures is the envy of his peers from other countries. And when the French lorry driver decides to mount industrial action, the result is organised mayhem on an epic scale - as French motorists, British truckers and the Paris Government are discovering once again.

But perhaps the most remarkable characteristic of the French lorry driver is his enduring popularity. As com-muters sat in traffic jams across the country yesterday and competed for dwindling petrol supplies, most appeared to accept the disruption with the placidity of spectators at a well-rehearsed ritual.

Near Cahors, a restaurateur struggled through the jams to cook a vast, steaming paella for striking routiers, and at blockades across the country the protesters have been sustained with hot coffee, baguettes and encouragement from

the public. France's main union leaders and the opposition Socialists have backed the routiers, and a "day of ac-tion" has been called for tomorrow to show sympathy and put further

This is a baffling spectacle to British eyes. The Conservative MP David Shaw even threatened to come to France to have an "on-the-spot, stand-up row" with the French police standing idly by at the roadside. It is hard to imagine a more pointless activity, for the gendarmes on the spot, like the rest of

with a grave sense of dējā vu. According to the polls 87 per cent of French voters regard the drivers demands for higher wages, shorter hours and retirement at 55 as "fairly justified". During the truckers' strike of 1992, public support never fell below 60 per cent, even when a blockade of Rungis food market outside

Paris led to a fresh fish famine. It is the drivers' popularity, rather than the inconvenience or even the economic effects of their blockade, that has struck fear into the Government and sent it scrambling to mediate a solution. They know the lorry drivers have the potential to forment chaos on a par with last year's transport stoppage. led by railway workers (or cheminots), which paralysed France for 24 days. Like the cheminots — still beloved for their role in the Resistance the routiers are seen as quintessential French working men, with the cachet to spearhead industrial unrest on disparate issues in other sectors. Already unions are circling the wagons, calling for rail. ship, air and other transport work-ers to show their "solidarity".

The Government has gone to great lengths to avoid another confrontation over its austerity policies aimed at qualifying for economic and monetary union. The 1997 budget is a pallid thing, demanding only minor cuts in education and relying instead on creative accounting using money from France Telecom to balance the books. But it is a sign of how deeply a general malaise has penetrated French life that the worst bout of industrial unrest this year has erupted in the private sector. in an area the Government did not anticipate, plainly dreads

On Saturday, President Chirac presided over a vivid display of Gaullist pomp to mark the removal of Andre Mairaux's ashes to the Panthéon in Paris. A televised presi-dential address is expected within days. But while M Chi-rac bolsters his presidential image. France is still looking for an effective government. Last week his Prime Minister. Alain Juppe. achieved the dubious distinction of becoming the most unpopular premier in the history of the Fifth Republic, after polls showed he had passed through the record-breaking level of public dislike set by his Socialist predecessor, Edith Cresson.

As France struggles to qualify for EMU, with rising unem-ployment and a wobbling

economy, some of the most sacred Juppé has cows of its political thinking may be now broken heading for slaughter. For 13 years the Cresson France has insisted barrier of that the franc remain pegged to the dislike mark, but last week

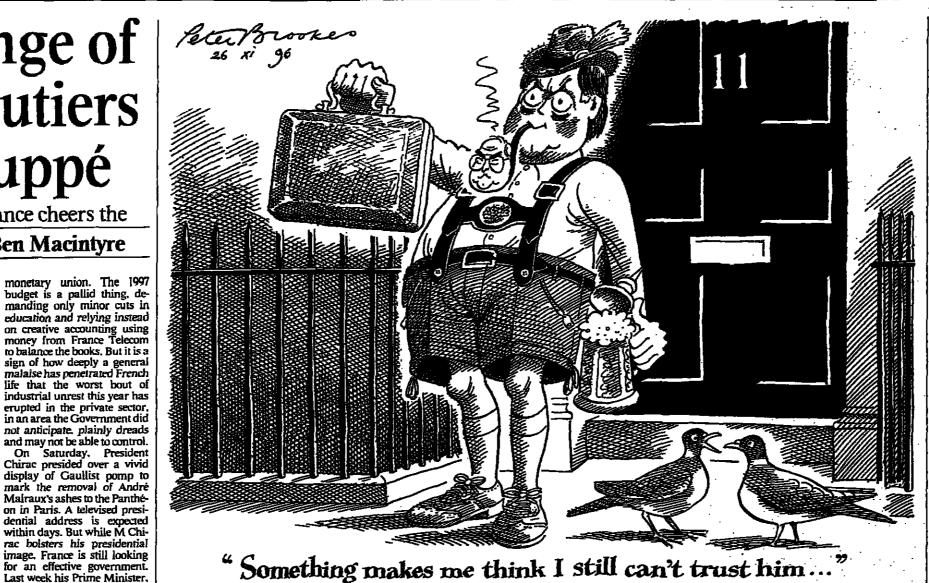
Valèry Giscard d'Estaing, joint-architect of the ERM, argued that the time had come to abandon the

franc fort policy and devalue. The Government squealed, in unison with Bonn, but veteran anti-Maastricht campaigner Philippe Séguin, the canny house Speaker tipped as a possible replacement for M card's views. Rumours of an imminent government reshuffle are rife, and M Juppé's chances of survival may depend on whether he can engineer a swift end to the

routiers' dispute. As the Government gingerly prepares to introduce private pension funds in a country almost entirely reliant on the indebted social security system. the issue of retirement benefits is an incendiary one. Last year, rail drivers successfully defended their right to retire at 50. an anachronism left over from coal-shovelling days. Haulage bosses want the State to pay for the drivers' early retirement. It probably will.

In Britain such disruption would meet with widespread outrage, but behind the drivers stand a range of different grievances: farmers angered by falling beef prices, doctors furious at cuts in welfare. teachers fearing job losses and opposed to cost-cutting in the name of Maastricht.

The routiers call their protest "Operation Escargot", designed to slow the nation's traffic to a snail's pace. But as it gathers momentum, M Juppé is grimly aware that he may be facing a heavily loaded runaway vehicle with defective



The case for taxation

t's too late now. The Chancellor will have put away the pocket calculator and locked the box. No pleading will change anything. I am sure there will be an income tax cut (though not a very big one because, thank God, Kenneth Clarke is not as daft as Nigel Lawson). I am sure his party will be pleased, because they think that tax cuts win elections.

I am equally, gloomily, sure that Labour will then say that they too are pledged to low taxation. Both sides accept the fashionable dictum that in the secrecy of the voting booth we are

all for sale. only the Liberal Democrats, quixotic and hopeless, will continue to say that tax wisely spent is a Good Thing. The other politicians will jeer at them for it, and change nothing. Nor will last week's British Social Attitudes survey, which (as usual) returned the finding that well over half of us health and education even if it means higher personal taxes.

Bah!" scoff the political advisers. They say that to impress lady polisters. The ballot box proves that they don't mean it. Look at 1970. when Roy Jenkins produced a Budget with no tax bribes, and Labour lost! Look at the way Nigel Lawson won in 1987 by knocking tuppence off! Look at 1992, when the Tory attack on Labour as a high-tax party delivered victory in spite of everything." Never mind that in 1970 Labour rose in the polls after the Budget, and almost averted defeat. Never mind that in 1987 we were all crazy, drunk on the Great Boom; never mind that in 1992 Neil Kinnock blew it with his terrible triumphalist rally and his doctrinaire pals. Never mind that there are always other good reasons why elections are won and lost: the mantra says that voters are selfish, voters are short-sighted, voters do not give a damn about the poor, the sick, the old, or other people's children. Voters just want another two hundred quid a year to spend in Ikea. Only by understanding this will you win

elections. Give 'em the money! Do you feel insulted? My own accountant, for years, used to send out with every final tax assessment a parallel calculation of how much more I would have paid under Labour. (He has stopped now; guess why.) On receiving this piece of unsolicited information I felt an annual surge of irritation: how dare he assume that as an already quite high earner I Voters are neither selfish nor stupid: we know that a decent society costs money, and we are ready to pay

wanted only more money? Personal, disposable money all for me, and let the rest of my country go hang? I am prepared to bet that this irritation will be shared today and throughout the campaign by a surprisingly large number of people, many of whom would be deeply insulted if you called them "left-wing". These are taxpayers who may have been upset yesterday by the report from the Health Visitors Association, signalling the return of disease and nutritional defects more commonly associated with Victorian

times": widespread child malnutri-

damp accommodation leading to infant pneumonia, TB, rickets. Meanwhile analysis of government statistics shows that this year 30 per cent of all habies - 215,000

of them — were born into families on means-tested benefits; i.e. very

poor families. These in turn will get pneumonia, perhaps TB, and gastroenteritis from shared, sordid hostel facilities. They will be educated in primary classes which are far too big, in schools run down and depressed by failure and opprobrium. They will become angry and delinquent and find that the established projects which would once have tried to reclaim them - youth clubs, mothers' groups, teenage counselling centres, drug centres - are being closed down for lack of funding (the authorities covering east London announced severe cuts to social programmes only yesterday). Too many of these children will end up sleeping rough, selling their bodies,

being murdered or murdering. We all know that our otherwise affluent (and by world standards. pretty well-managed) society is be-coming disfigured by poverty, ignorance and anger on its fringes. We know that this leads to disorder in schools, fear on the streets, and overloading of hospitals and prisons. We are not stupid: we can see that solutions to this blight
— not yet insolubly severe — will cost money. We can also work out that you save money in the long term if you nip social problems in the bud: feed the children and educate them, and support small projects which help carers and the mentally ill and those temporarily over-whelmed by difficulties. A stitch in time saves nine; a steadying hand from the strong — the solvent taxpayer — will save that taxpayer in a few years' time from having to pay thousands more in health

costs, prison costs, and the expense of dangerous cities. We live on a complicated, crowded island, and common sense dictates that we cannot regard our incomes as if we were doughty pioneer individualists, each milking our own cow and

digging our own well. We all need decent schools, good medicine, police, playgrounds, roads, sewers, hospials, community halls, and services to help the deranged and keep them safe from harming us or themselves. Without these things, the poor are abandoned to chaos and the middle class is trapped on an island of its own money, terrified of falling off.

here are political thinkers who applaud this feeling, and point to individual responsibility" and good honest terror of the workhouse as our salvation. But it is not comfortable on the middle-class island: not if you struggle with school fees because the state schools near you are terrible, and private health insurance because your NHS Trust is closing wards, and spend your tax-cut twice over on burglar alarms and security lights because the kids down the road have nothing to do and nothing to

To recognise this is not to advocate a nanny state or a socialist Utopia. There will always be some who build

a higher, prettier, safer island of personal money than the others. But even they can see that it is in their interest for the surrounding lowlands to be safe and healthy. That costs money: not just from personal taxation but from companies whose hill of profit is high (we have, at present, some of the most profitable com-panies in the world paying some of the lowest tax rates).

There is, of course, a flaw in my argument. In order to be happy about confiding our money to government to spend on our behalf, we have to believe that they will use it wisely. Unfortunately the last vestiges of that confidence have gone: nobody trusts government. There is a widespread perception that "they" will blow the money, and everyone has their own favourite allegation of government waster stupid advertising campaigns, dickering around getting in and out of the ERM; setting up an unworkagain, extremely expensive judicial inquiries into their own shady conduct, buying too many Euro-fighters, ideologically fanatical privatisations, avoidable wars. It is significant that almost alone among lottery nations, Britain decided not to entrust the profits to government, but set up panels of ragbag bien pensants to hand the money out. We don't trust government: in that sense, those who say that we will be selfish in the secrecy of the polling booth may have

But it makes no sense to insist, as Norman Lamont did yesterday, that "It's still taxes, stupid", and that the nation warmly applauds all public spending cuts. What we need, and never get, is a party which we consider honest and which will say: "We shall undoubtedly have to put up income tax by a penny or two, more for the highest earners, and commercial taxes as well. But we will spend the money carefully, where it is most needed, and nobody shall be without

a chance to better themselves." Well, say the cynics, the Lib Dems keep saying that and they never win. do they? Well, no. Not nationally, because our first-past-the-post system forces us to be a nation of tactical voters, terrified of letting in the big enemy (whichever) through voting for the third party. But look at local government: given a chance that it might get actual power, Joe Voter often backs the only party which admits the need to tax and spend. Interesting, eh?

Get out while we still can

Woodrow Wyatt

wants Britain to

leave the EU

Proadly, the enthusiasts for deeper immersion in the European Union believe that Britain is in decline and needs Europe to prop it up. That was Harold Macmillan's view. He was hurt by de Gaulle's refusal to let Britain join. In those days it was an association of those days it was an association of sovereign states. De Gaulle, who would have been horrified at what it has become, thought even his concept was not right for Britain. Our links with the United States mattered more to us than our links with the European continent, as did our trade across the seas.

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The Euro-fanatics accuse those who dislike rule from Brussels of being "Little Englanders". On the contrary, they are the Big Englanders, among whom I include the Scots, the Welsh and the Northern Irish. the Welsh and the Northern 1715h. We do not accept the Macmillan thesis of genteel decline and the rubbish about privatisation of nationalised industries being theft of the family silver. Because of Margaret Thatcher's revolution and John Major's follow through, our economic strength is growing rapidly and our unemployment is falling, while the economies of our EU partners are worsening and their unemployment is rising. Labour and the Liberal Democrats accept the Macmillan thesis: they are the unpatriotic particle Macmillan and the Liberal Population of the Macmillan thesis: they are the unpatriotic particle Macmillan and the Liberal Population of the Macmillan thesis: they are the unpatriotic particle Macmillan and the Liberal Population of the Macmillan thesis: they are the unpatriotic particle Macmillan and Ma ties. Their leaders collude in framing pro-Brussels questions on Europe to ask the Prime Minister, and adopt

the same line in debates. As Tony Blair watches the public's increasing hostility towards rule from the Continent, he tries to obscure his keenness on ever more surrenders of sovereignty. But it won't wash. I cannot see John Major ever recommending that we join a single currency, but it is easy to imagine a Blair-Ashdown alliance doing so. Mr Blair cheered the European decision that Britain must comply with the 48-hour week directive, deceitfully brought in under Health and Safety provisions. He and his union backers are delighted at the prospect it brings of greater union power and of socialism en-forced by foreigners.

In 1994. Norman Lamont proposed the unthinkable in his booklet Sovereign Britain. We should seriously consider leaving the EU, he contendmaybe sooner than expected. Moha-Pakistan, was once an ardent supporter of the Indian Congress. During my visits to India with the postwar parliamentary delegation, and later as personal assistant to Sir Stafford Cripps on the 1946 Cabinet mission to India, I got to know Jinnah well. He told me he was forced to leave Congress because everything was expressed in a Hindu way; in a united India the Muslims would be

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swamped by the Hindus.
This is precisely our relationship with the European Union. EU laws, treaties and directives are expressed in a continental manner quite alien to us. British membership of the European Court of Human Rights, which is not part of the EU but shares its characteristics, was advanced by Winston Churchill. He hoped it would prevent the crushing of individuals by dictatorships to which continental Europe has been so prone. He never imagined we would be ordered to pay compensation to relatives of IRA terrorists killed when their plot to murder hundreds of civilians in Gibraltar was uncovered. Nor did Churchill contemplate the subordination of our Parliament to unelected officials and a Euro-parliament. His whole being would have revolted against confinement in so authoritar-

f we chose to depart from this monster, we would have all the cards. We have an adverse trade balance in visibles and invisibles with Europe. We have to subsidise the appalling common agricultural policy and pay an average of £20 a week more per household than we should for our food. We are obliged to shore up poor countries such as Greece, Portugal and Spain.

The European Union needs us much more than we need it. Whether we remain members or not, if the other states wish us to maintain any kind of association, it will be on our terms, not theirs. Europe is in a mess. I sympathise with the striking French lorry drivers, who are striking against the Government's clamp on wage increases to meet the conditions for a single currency — which will be a disaster for all if it occurs.

Yesterday Kenneth Clarke dismissed as unreal the alleged constraints on member states that do not join a single currency. He can be trusted. But can Germany and France, the dominating leaders of Europe, be relied on not to try some new tricks to shackle us to a single currency, whatever our opt-out? I wouldn't bet on it. When we leave the EU, the new Gatt rules will prevent discrimination against our exports. Inward investment will continue to soar because of our greater productivity, lower costs and lower taxes. And we will be able to join the North Atlande Free Trade Area, which presently we cannot because the EU would refuse us permission. Cariada and the US share our democratic and P-H-S legal traditions. We will be far happier with them — and prosper more.

Cruise control

ON HIS reappearance in London to film another movie. Tom Cruise is insisting on the respect due him as a Hollywood superstar. Those working on the set of Eyes Wide Shut, which Stanley Kubrick has emerged from years of seclusion to direct, claim to have been told that they will be dismissed if they look

Cruise in the eye. This is not the first time that Cruise is reported to have behaved in such a manner. On the Mission: Impossible set at Pinewood last year, the crew was said to have been advised to look away when the great man approached. Val Kilmer allegedly insisted on similar conditions, and two British extras claim that they were removed from the set of The Saint for

straying into his sight-line. Filming of Eyes Wide Shut has been taking place near Hyde Park Corner, at the Lanesborough Hotel, where conditions are said to be

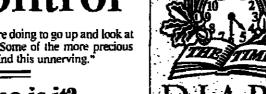
extremely stringent. Those in the trade, however, say Cruise's apparent idiosyncracies are nothing new. Boyd Farrow, editor of the magazine Screen International says: "They are so famous that when they get up to do their scene, everybody drops what they are doing to go up and look at them. Some of the more precious stars find this unnerving."

Who is it?

FIRST Bill Clinton had to deal with the anonymous Primary Colors. the fictional account of a philandering presidential candidate and



"And please let Mr Clarke make a squalidly cynical bid to buy my vote"



his wife on the campaign trail. Now he faces Twilight of Heroes, a book written by one of the White

House drugs policy team.

Major Ralph Peters joined the team recently after serving at the Pentagon. His thriller holds only criticism for the Administration's troubled anti-drug policy. Worse still, there are telling descriptions of senior politicians. Take the Secretary of State with a "corporate lawyer's mind and a little rat face". An ugly vision of Warren Christopher springs to mind.

Avon stalling

CHRYSANTHEMUMS are flying in Butcombe, North Somerset, as the members of the local Women's Institute take a stand. Butcombers were vigorous opponents of the transfer of their village (pop. 200)

from Somerset to the bastard agglomeration of Avon County. Although Avon has now been abolished and North Somerser restored, the National Federation of the Women's Institute has not caught up. It has decreed that Butcombe's WI must join an Avon rather than Somerset federation. In retaliation, Butcombe's women have downed their jam strainers and closed their WI. This is war.

■ Last night was the final chance to bed down in a Westminster corridor with Dame Elaine Kellet-Bowman, septuagenarian Tory MP for Lancaster, who retires at the general election. For years



Christopher: ouch!

now, she has taken to her sleeping bag outside the vote office in the House of Commons on the eve of the Budget so as to ensure her place for the Chancellor's delivery.

Skye line

SLEAZE has MPs of every party running scared. Take Charles Kennedy, the ebullient Liberal Democrat MP for Ross, Cromarty and Skye. He has been hired by the accountancy firm Ernst & Young to tour Yorkshire tomorrow by helicopter, briefing businessmen on the implications of the Budget.

However, the usually publicityhungry MP turned a Chartreuse green when it was suggested that a local journalist travel with him on the chopper. Why? Westminster was so rife with corruption rum-ours that any publicity for this trip could be misinterpreted. Happily. we can report that his tour is entirely sleaze-free.

Big man

JUDO as well as photography is all the poorer for the death of Terence Donovan over the weekend. Donovan was a black belt, having rediscovered judo at the age of 40 after practising it as a teenager. He



Donovan and Goodbody

the Budokwai in South Kensington, the oldest judo club in Europe. This was how he described the thrill of his sport to my colleague John Goodbody: "In judo, there is no shield, no Armani overcoat to hide behind. There is immediate physical contact. You learn about yourself when you are faced with an enormous ginger-haired bloke with every other tooth missing, salivating at the thought of pushing you straight through the mat."

SAFETY VALVE

Clarke has released the head of steam — for a while

At the end of last week parliamentarians of all shades of opinion were seething about the Government's refusal to allow a debate on the single currency. It says something about the Administration's misreading of its position that Kenneth Clarke claimed yesterday to have been brought to the dispatch box by weekend newspaper reports rather than pressure from the House. The Chancellor's statement and the subsequent question and answer session nonetheless panaged to take some steam out of a chamber in danger of overheating.

Despite his protestations about enjoying parliamentary debate, Mr Clarke is on precarious ground when talking about the single currency in the Commons. Forced to speak with his back to the main audience, he knows that the majority of his backbenchers are behind him only in the literal sense. Many do not trust him to negotiate firmly enough on their behalf at European Council meetings. If they do not have faith in him, what hope is there for the voter?

He was helped yesterday by the Speaker, who chose a disproportionate number of Euro-enthusiasts to speak, giving the impression that opinion among the Tories was finely balanced. He helped himself by speaking in a much more conciliatory tone than usual. Most promising was his reply to John Redwood's request that he demand written confirmation from Britain's partners that this country's economic policy would ot be determined by Brussels should it decide to remain outside the single currency. Far from brushing off Mr Redwood's request, Mr Clarke undertook to try to come back with "the best possible text" which would be "copper-bottomed".

This did not entirely square with the Chancellor's answer to Bill Cash's demand that he veto any agreement until such a written confirmation had been delivered. "We do have to address what is exactly being proposed," said Mr Clarke, "not what we fancy being proposed or what we would like

to be proposed." If we want other states to include in the documentation a copperbottomed guarantee, we have to propose it ourselves. Mr Clarke has agreed to re-open negotiation to strengthen the texts in Britain's favour. He can hardly return to the

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House with nothing to show for his efforts. Any success he may have will set an important precedent since further legal texts bearing on Britain's freedom of manoevre will follow in the months to come. The lessonof the past few years in Europe is that, when Britain tries to exercise an opt-out, measures are introduced by stealth to reduce the value of that opt-out. Other European countries have a strong interest in trying to make life uncomfortable for Britain outside EMU. The more this country takes advantage of its flexibility — on interest rates, exchange rates or borrowing — the stronger will be the pressure to find a way to inflict a punishment. It is imperative, therefore, that the wording of the agreement on the single currency is watertight, so unambiguous that the European Court cannot possibly interpret it in a way that would be detrimental to British interests.

If Mr Clarke goes to his Ecofin meeting next Monday with this intention paramount in his mind, then the absence of a proper debate between now and then will not be quite so serious. Indeed, there is some merit in the House being able to debate what the Chancellor brings back from Dublin rather than what it hopes he might achieve.

But a sour smell still hangs over this episode. MPs are rightly fearful that the Government will enter into an agreement binding on future administrations without their having had a chance to express their opinion on a meaningful motion. Even now, after all the fuss, there will be only an "extended" adjournment debate on the matter. A subject that will be much more important to Britain's long-term economic future than today's Budget deserves better than that

THE ANGLICAN AGENDA

Organisation and other tasks for the General Synod

In the last decade the introduction of women priests has dominated and divided the Anglican faith. One of the many consequences is that other matters concerning the working of the Church could not receive . full attention. This oversight has to be Such concentration : nay be enjoying a brief respite before the vexed status of homosexuality within its ranks provokes another period of tumult.

The challenges facing the synod are daunting. The number of full-time stipendiary clergy will drop to little more than 9,000 by the end of the decade, a fall of nearly 20 per cent in ten years. As a result, for the first time in its history, the number of retired clergy now exceeds those actively preaching. This will place further financial burdens on the dioceses and parishes who will be expected to meet 90 per cent of the expense of parochial ministry. Meanwhile, attendances on Sundays have stabilised at unsatisfactorily low levels.

In response, fundamental changes will be considered over the next few days. The most important concern the recommendations of the Turnbull Commission on the Organisation of the Church and the Howe Commission on Cathedrals. Advocates believe they will modernise the structure of Anglicanism. In the process, present traits, an extreme distrust of leadership and excessive enthusiasm for committees, might be mitigated. Opponents question whether the core of the Church's crisis lies in these areas and are deeply suspicious of the bureaucracy and centralism implicit in these schemes. ... The Turnbull reforms stress the "urgent

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need" to reshape institutions and provide "a single focus of leadership and responsibility". The solution offered is an Archbishops' Council, comprising no more than twenty members, that would in practice, serve as an Anglican cabinet. The chief rectified by the General Synod this week. casualty would be the Church Commistheir, hardly unique, misfortunes on the property market in the 1980s. This is a sharp switch from 25 years of ever greater devolution of authority within the Church.

The Howe deliberations venture into equally treacherous territory. They would end traditional arrangements by which England's cathedrals are run by deans and chapters constrained by ancient statute. In its place the canons would be responsible to new councils chaired by an appointee of the bishop. This proposal has gathered momentum because of embarrassing feuds at Lincoln and Hereford cathedrals. It would represent a sizeable increase in the influence of bishops in some cases, in others a severe reduction in laity power. Many in the synod are not persuaded that the specific problems recently encountered justify such a reform.

This synod is open to criticism. Reorganisation alone will not make Ancanism more relevant. While synod debates will be held on racism in the Church, the debt burden for developing countries, and animal welfare; the enormous public interest in the moral climate of modern Britain, ignited initially by Frances Lawrence, will receive little mention. The Church of England must address more than internal administration if it wants to restore its proper standing in the life of the nation.

HOPES AND HOMES

The State is no longer housebound

There are few more telling snapshots revealing the changes of the past fifteen years in British life than the state of debate about housing. The Environment Secretary John Gummer yesterday launched a consultation paper on where Britain's new houses should go: in the cities or in thecountryside. The private-sector developers, keen to site new houses in green fields, and the rural lobbyists, eager to make new houses sprout from the decay of existing cities, are so wrapped up in their argument that they may not have noticed how much the last years of the 20th century differ from the preceding age.

From the moment that the industrial revolution sucked families from the farm fields to the smokestacks. British governments have had to worry about whether there were enough houses. Throughout the first half of this century, Labour and Liberal politicians competed to show that they would build more modern homes than their rivals, gradually taking over from philanthropic industrialists who built garden cities and state-of-the-art housing estates.

The Second World War released pent-up hopes of social improvement. Bombing had wrecked many inner cities. Council house spaining lists stretched 20 years into the future in the early 1950s. As a young MP. Denis Healey remembers a man arriving at his weekly constituency surgery with a jam jar full of slugs which he had collected from the slimy walls of his council flat. The dangered green beyond the city's edge.

Conservative Party, inspired by the idea of "property-owning democracy", joined the competition. No election campaigner of the 1950s or 1960s spoke for long without mentioning his party's manifesto commitment on new housing "starts".

Mr Gummer is still wrestling with too few

houses for too many people. But he works free from the burden of unrealistic expectation. The State may have a role in making strategic environmental choices which the market will not make wisely; a pump may be primed here or there. People still live in poor and degrading houses. But the public sector is not expected to lift every had and mix every batch of concrete. Spending on council housing is falling to under a third of what it was in 1979. Opposition parties do not pretend that they will reverse this change, but concentrate on ideas about reviving the rented sector.

That profound shift in attitude frees government to look to its real responsibilities and encourage new thinking. Longer lives, more divorces and changing patterns of work mean that Britain will have 4.4 million more households in the year 2016. Mr Gummer's core conclusion that this building must not all occur in what is now countryside and that, with effort and imagination, land can be used inside cities is right. While 20th century governments have striven to put a roof over our heads, those in the next century must protect the en-

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for Parliament

From Mr Alan Howarth, MP for Stratford-on-Avon (Labour)

Sir, It is not only in respect of crucial European regulations that the Government shows its contempt for Par-

In January this year ministers bull-dozed through the House of Com-mons 160 pages of regulations under the Jobseekers Act — the real substance of this legislation - along with regulations under four other statutes, all in a procedure which does not permit amendments, in three and a quarter hours.

The Department for Social Security has taken to implementing regulations before they have even been debated by Parliament. Today regulations changing the way earnings are calculated in the assessment of social security benefits will take effect before they have been subject to any parliamentary scrutiny.

This follows equally high-handed behaviour over amendments to social security appeals procedures, where ministers made consultation with the public as much a mockery as they make parliamentary procedure. They issued a consultation document, with consultation to conclude on October 25, but they laid the new regulations on September 27, while the House was in recess, and brought them into effect on October 21; the regulations were not debated by Parliament until Nov-

The Parliamentary Under Secretary sought to argue that these regulations were of minor import, but their effect will be to make it significantly less likely that appellants will receive

The Government takes it so much for granted that it will get its way with liament that Benefits Agency leaflets describing changes, as for example on the new Computation of Earnings Regulations, are distributed not only before regulations are scrutinised but without any reference to change being subject to parliamentary approval.

Yours faithfully, ALAN HOWARTH, House of Commons. November 25.

Channel Tunnel

From the Managing Director of the Dover Harbour Board

Sir. You reported (November 22) that the Port of Dover had lost almost half ness to the Cr the past two years. In fact the reduction in traffic through the port since 1994 is about 15 per cent and even without this unfortunate fire the Port of Dover would have handled considerably more lorries, cars and coaches than the tunnel this year.

Yours etc, JONATHAN SLOGGETT, Managing Director and Register, Dover Harbour Board, Harbour House, Dover, Kent. November 22.

From Dr Roger R. Dawson

Sir, After air crashes I do not recall hearing calls for a complete redesign of aircraft to withstand the impact of a fall from 35,000 feet, or of a head-on collision at 15,000 feet, or the consequences of an on-board fire while on the ground.

Is there one rule for aircraft and another for freight trains?

Yours sincerely, ROGER DAWSON, The Gables, Parsons Hill, Hollesley, Woodbridge, Suffolk. November 23.

From Mr Robert Freer

Sir. Perhaps anyone planning a second crossing will now have the fore-sight to build a bridge.

Yours faithfully, R. FREER. 14 Alleyn Crescent, SE21. November 23.

What's in a name?

From Mrs Catherine Money

Sir, I was born with a surname that was constantly misspelt and mispro-nounced (letters, November 14, 21). My mother urged me during my formative years to marry a "better surname". She also constantly extolled the virtues of love, companionship, in-tegrity and fidelity as being more valuable than the material trappings of

I reckon, however, that I hit the jackpot.

Yours faithfully, CATHERINE MONEY (née Wike), Biddles Farm, Chobham, Woking, Surrev. November 21.

A Belfast summer

From Dr Allan H. Fawcett

Sir, How idyllic it is for the dates of the Cambridge summer term to be determined by the dates of sports meetings at Goodwood and Henley (letter, November 22): our year is determined by the date of the 12th of July.

Yours faithfully. ALLAN FAWCETT, The Queen's University of Belfast, School of Chemistry. David Keir Building, Belfast. November 22.

Anger at contempt US 'blow' to UK aerospace industry

From Mr Mark Hendrick. MEP for Lancashire Central (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, The decision by the United States Department of Defense not to further consider the bid by the McDonnell Douglas-led consortium (which includes British Aerospace) to build the Joint Strike Fighter aircraft (JSF) (report. Business, November 18), is a hammer blow to the UK and to UK industry. The JSF will use vertical takeoff and landing technology which was originally developed in the UK, and subsequently sold to the US. While there is still the possibility of BAe in-volvement in the US project, we have a scenario where BAe is likely to pick up the crumbs rather than take its fair share of the loaf.

The lessons from this decision are clear - the UK cannot rely upon the US for involvement in their leadingedge aerospace developments in the defence sector, and should not even consider it in the civil sector. The only future for the UK in aerospace is in Europe, working with European partners. This does not just make economic and commercial sense, but is strategically important if Europe is not to continue to rely upon the US for its military security in the next century.

Prison sentences

From His Honour Joseph Dean

Sir, Readers, by now accustomed to

bizarre items of prison news, may not have understood from your headline.

High Court condemns prison confu-

sion" (November 16), that what the

Lord Chief Justice was condemning

was not the prison authorities, still

less the Home Secretary, but the fail-

ure of his own judicial brethren to observe Section 104(2) of the Criminal

Under this section all terms of im-

prisonment, concurrent or consecu-

tive, are to be treated as a single term.

so that the whole of the time spent in

custody awaiting trial is deducted un-

der Section 67 of the Act from the total

effective length of the sentence. How-

ever, in four decisions of the High

Court between 1982 and this year con-

cerning the calculation of time on re-

mand Section 104(2) was not mention-

ed in the first two; in the third it was

mentioned but assumed (wrongly) to have been repealed, and in the fourth

Justice Act 1967.

Yours etc. M. HENDRICK ·

European Parliament

in Europe),

November 18.

it was ignored as irrelevant. These decisions confirmed the practice of apportioning remand time to different terms of the sentence, with unequal consequences for different prisoners. They appeared also to be consistent with the guidelines intemperately introduced by the Prison Service last summer, under which remand time was to be deducted cumulatively from each consecutive sen-

To carry this out successfully, how-

ever, will require a restructuring of

European aerospace industries to

meet the defence needs of the 21st cen-

tury, and the introduction of a Euro-

pean company statute which will al-low European companies to merge.

rather than simply operate as a group

of economic interests as they currently

do in Airbus. Only in this way can

Europe compete effectively with the

All of these topics were discussed by

the 350 delegates at a symposium held

in Brussels on November 5, attended

by the leaders of European aerospace

industries, the European Commission

and the European Parliament. The

speakers included Commission President, Jacques Santer, Europe's In-

dustry Commissioner, Martin Bange

mann, and Sir Richard Evans of Brit-

ish Aerospace. The US decision

should now focus the minds of Euro-

(Labour Spokesperson for Economic, Monetary and Industrial Affairs

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pean politicians and industrialists.

The Home Secretary put a stop to that and was upheld by the Court, and the four rogue decisions have now been overruled. But none of the confusion and expense caused by prisoners being released when they ought not to have been and other prisoners not being released when they ought to be would have occurred if the interpretation section of the Act had been observed from the start.

Yours faithfully. JOSEPH DEAN. The Hall, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. November 19.

Defence under Healey

From Mr Alan Lee Williams

Sir, I accept that in the light of the Falklands War Denis Healey's decision to cancel the CVA-01, a large aircraft-carrier, looks sadly mistaken, as Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius eloquently argues (letter, November 14; see also letter, November 19) in his rebuttal of my contention (letter, November 5) that Lord Healey must rank as the best Secretary of State since the Second World War. But, as Sir James concedes, the reason for the cancellation of the big aircraft-carrier lies not in the myopia of Denis Healey, but in the badly argued case made out by the Navy Board in 1965.

The decision to cancel the aircraftcarrier in the context of Britain's role East of Suez was greatly complicated by the intense conflict between the Royal Navy and the RAF over the im-

portance of long-range tactical air power. The Navy appears to have agreed with the RAF's contention that the FIII swing-wing aircraft was vital to operations in a sophisticated operational environment, but was unable to persuade the RAF that the aircraftcarrier programme was vital in an East of Suez scenario. The policy hinged upon the FIII and this aircraft in historical retrospect should not have been cancelled.

Lord Healey fought and lost the bat-tle to keep the FIII and should have resigned. His failure to do so casts a shadow over his reputation as arguably the best Secretary of State for Defence since the Second World War.

Yours sincerely.
ALAN LEE WILLIAMS (Parliamentary Private Secretary to Denis Healey, 1968-70). Reform Club, Pall Mall, SWI. November 19.

No joking matter

From Professor A. T. H. Smith

Sir, We are all no doubt delighted that Bob Monkhouse has got his jokes back (report, November 19). But may he unwittingly have broken the law in his understandable anxiety? Section 23 of the Theft Act 1968 pro-

vides that it is an offence to advertise for a reward and in doing so to use "any words to the effect that no questions will be asked". It is a silly law, no doubt, and since

it was designed to stop the activities of the 18th-century "thief-taker". Jonathan Wild, has probably served its purpose. Has the time come for it to be repealed, perhaps?

Yours faithfully, A. T. H. SMITH (Professor of Criminal and Public Laws). Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. November 19.

Oxbridge blues Sir. Mr Tim Houghton and his From Dr Robert Baker

Sir, How satisfying to have my own Oxbridge bias confirmed by Mr Tim Houghton and friends (letter, November 22). My colleagues and I chose a "lesser" university, thereby escaping the need to devote ourselves to a single topic of conversation and interest for the rest of our lives.

On average it seems to take an Oxbridge graduate about eight minutes to introduce the subject uninvited into a conversation, and a very great deal longer to abandon it.

Yours sincerely. ROBERT BAKER (Lecturer), University College London, Department of Medicine. The Windever Building. Cleveland Street, W1. November 22.

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Record catch

From the Earl Haig

Sir. From our fishing book may I report another monster fish caught in British waters (letters, November 25).

My forebear the 28th Laird hooked a salmon at Bemersyde on November 29, 1883. After an hour's play the under-fisherman went into the water to net him and had the head three times in the net, but each time it slipped out again.

It was hopeless to try and get him into the net and after the third try the gut broke and the fish escaped.

That evening a noted poacher called Paterson, who had been watching, assisted by three others got this fish out. They asserted that it weighed 64lbs.

Yours truly, HAIG OF BEMERSYDE. Bemersyde. Melrose, Roxburghshire. November 25.

From Mr Colin Riegels

friends make many valid points re-garding the benefits of an Oxbridge education, and justify them by saying it is the best calibre of students who

I had the good fortune to read my undergraduate law degree at the University of Bristol, and am now on a postgraduate course at Oxford. Without wishing to generalise. I find the undergraduates at Oxford, with whom we are taught concurrently and share facilities, lack work ethic, take precious little advantage of the opportunities offered to them, and often struggle to understand fundamental

concepts. I find them in every sense indistinguishable from the undergraduates | knew at Bristol.

Yours faithfully, COLIN RIEGELS, Middle Common Room, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Worry at medical advertising policy

From Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Sir. In a surprising change of policy, the General Medical Council decided earlier this month that specialists are now free to advertise. The implica-

tions of this about-face are worrying. Patients needing specialist advice are normally directed wisely by their referring general practitioner, who in turn provides the consultant with essential background medical information. Patients may need to be told of the services that GPs provide, but it is the GPs who are best placed to guide them to the right specialist, probably from amongst the majority who will

not wish, or need, to advertise. What of the patient who succumbs to the blandishments of the minority who will advertise? Do they simply bypass their GP and accent advice which is inevitably lacking in know-ledge of the medical background, or will they demand referral to a specialist who has advertised? No doubt there will soon be advertisements for highly specialised services, not thought to be available locally.

The understandable demands generated are likely to undermine good general medical practice and fuel demands for ever-increasing sub-specialisation in medicine. There are resource implications, perhaps balanced by phasing out the custom of GP

Our present system works well and is widely respected. Why change it?

Yours sincerely.
RODNEY SWEETNAM. President. The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2 November 22.

Synod proposals

From the Chairman of the English Clergy Association

Sir. Banns of marriage are called in question by a motion put down in General Synod. The calling of banns is a hallowed preliminary to mar-riage, which makes young couples feel that they have a welcome, and indeed honourable place in church on Sun-

day mornings. In over 30 years of parish ministry 1 have seen this sometimes tentative attendance blossom into worship, commitment and Confirmation, Indeed, several members of my parochial the calling of banns. I hope the synod

will stay its hand. Yours faithfully. JOHN MASDING, Chairman. The English Clergy Association. Hamstead Vicarage, Walsall Road, Birmingham. November 24.

From the Provost's Warden.

Coventry Cathedral Sir. A special meeting of Coventry Cathedral congregation on Saturday. November 23, expressed dismay that the draft legislation presently before General Syrod cuts by approximately one half the lay participation in the administration of our cathedral.

The present governing body, Cov-entry Cathedral Council, includes II clergy and 14 laity. Of the 14 laity five churchwardens and four other representatives are elected each year at the

AGM. The lay members of Coventry Cathedral are not happy to sacrifice a wellestablished pattern of lay involvement, which has proved its success since the 1960s, solely in the interests of uniformity of cathedral govern-

Yours faithfully, MARTIN R. WILLIAMS, Provost's Warden. Coventry Cathedral, 26 Styvechale Avenue, Coventry. November 25.

Cheek to cheek

From Mr A. E. Brewer

Sir. In my early formative years from 1932 (and continuing) the Kinema at Wanstead, London, provided a back row of double seats without intervening arms (letters, November 18, 21). Moreover, they were curtained off at the back and sides.

We considered the management to be extremely enlightened.

Yours faithfully, ALAN BREWÉR. 154 Evelyn Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex. November 22.

From Mr Douglas A. Gohl

Sir, In 1939, my wife-to-be, my friend and another young lady went to the cinema and were ushered to the dou-

ble seats. Unfortunately for my friend, his girl was sat with me and we must have been too embarrassed to change over in the crowded cinema. Nine years later, after the war, I married her, and we celebrate our Golden Wedding in 1998.

Neither of us can remember the film we went to see.

Yours, with the benefit of Divine Intervention, D. GOHL,

Ridgeway. Ings Lane. Lastingham, York. November 22



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 25: The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) had an audience of The Oueen this evening.

Later The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at Dinner by the Speaker (the Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd MP) at Speaker's

November 25: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this evening held a Dinner for the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace. November 25: The Princess Royal today visited Midlothian and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Captain George

Burnet).

Her Royal Highness, Patron.
Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary
Studies, this morning visited the
Veterinary Field Station and
opened the Laboratories of the
Wellcome Centre, Applied Respiratory Pathophysiology, University of Edinburgh, Easter Bush,
Roslin.

The Princess Royal this after-

The Princess Royal this after-noon visited Charles Letts and Company Limited, Thorneybank Industrial Estate, Dalkeith.

Her Royal Highness, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts. this evening attended a Dinner and Presentation at 195 Piccadilly, London WI, to mark and honour Sixty Years of Television from the British Broadcasting Corporation. ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 25: The Prince of Wales this afternoon held a meeting at St James's Palace to discuss the reuse of redundant buildings in the United Kingdom. His Royal Highness this eve-

ning gave a Dinner for members of the European Business Round Table at St James's Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE November 25: The Duchess of Gloucester, Chief Patron, Women Caring Trust, this evening at-tended the House of Lords v House

of Commons Swim at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SWI. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK November 25: Princess Alexandri President, this evening attended the Royal Star and Garter Home

"Celebration Ball" at the Savoy

Royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

Patron of the Canal Museum

Trust, will visit the exhibition Pomp and Pleasure and see the restored tug boat Bantam IV at the

London Canal Museum, 12/13 New Wharf Road, NI, at 11:00; and

as Patron of the British Nutrition

Foundation, will attend the fare-well luncheon for Dr Elsie Widdowson and the British Nu-trition Foundation prize awards at

the Royal College of Physicians, I St Andrews Place, Regents Park, NWI, at 12.30. Later, she will

attend the Farmers' Club annual

dinner and dance at the London

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand

Prior of the Order of St John, will

Hilton on Park Lane at 7.10.

of St John at St James's Palace at of St John at St James's Palace at 2.20; will attend a luncheon at the Dorchester hotel at 12.35 to mark the 21st anniversary of research into ageing; and, as Pairon of NADFAS (the National Association) The Duke of Edinburgh, as Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Interation of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) will attend a private view national Association, will preside at a meeting of the trustees followed by a luncheon at Bucking-ham Palace at 10.30; as Patron and of the the Mysteries of Ancient China exhibition at the British Museum at 7.00. Trustee of The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award, will give a recep-tion at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; The Duke of Kent. as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a farewell luncheon for the Regimental Secretary and, as patron and trustee, will attend The Duke of Edinburgh's at The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, HM Tower of London at 12.45. Award Charter for Business dinner at St James's Palace at 7.45. Princess Alexandra will visit the The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Autistic Society will headquarters of the Police Federation of England and Wales, Lang-ley Road, Surbiton, at noon. open the new services at an LEA School, Northway School. The Fairway, Mill Hill, at 9.30am; as

University news

St Antony's College Mr Marrack Goulding, Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the United Nations, has been elected as the next Warden of St Antony's. He takes up the post on October 1, 1997, in succession to

Lord Dahrendorf who will have

completed ten years as Warden.

Church news

The Ven John Robert Flack, Archdeacon of Pontefract, to be appointed Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon in succession to the Knights and Dames of the Order resigning on January 5, 1977.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir John Acland, 68; Professor Margaret Boden, FBA, philosopher and psychologist, 60: Sir Alan Dalton, former chairman, English China Clays, 73: Lord Forte, 88; Sir Brian Goswell, deputy senior partner, Healey and Baker, 61; the Earl of Gowrie, 57: Mr John Gummer, MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, 57: Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, FBA, former Masrer, St John's College, Cambridge. 78; the Most Rev Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scottish Epis-

copal Church, 63; the Earl of Lovelace, 45; Mr John McVie, rock guitarist, 51; Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, 59.

Sir George Quigley, chairman, Ulster Bank, 67; Miss Joyce Quin, MP, 52; Mr A.A.S. Rae, former chairman, Ciba-Geigy, 71: Mr Charles Schulz cartoonist, 74; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 73; Mrs Barbara Switzer, trade unionist. S6; Miss Tina Turner, singer, 57; Mr Keith Vaz, MP, 40; Mr Des Walker, footballer, 31; Mr Norman West, MEP. 61.



Tony Lloyd, a ranger and birdwatcher, looks out from a hide at Bewl Water, near Lamberhurst, one of many reservoirs which are also nature reserves and havens for birds. The Water Services Association has just issued a comprehensive guide to the 45 main reservoirs which are now prime sites for observing birds.



BIRTHS: Sir James Ware, anti-quary, Dublin. 1994; William Cowper, poet, Great Berk-hamstead, Hertfordshire, 1731; William Armstrong, Baron Armstrong, inventor, Newcastle, 1810; Sir Henry Coward, musician. Liverpool, 1849; Sir Aurel Stein, archaeologist, Budapest, 1862; Emlyn Williams, actor, Mostyn, Clwyd, 1905; Pat Phoenix, actress, Galway, Ireland, 1923.

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Nicolaus Steno, geologist, Schwerin, Germany, 1686; John Elwes, miser, Marcham, Berkshire, 1789; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface, Molfat, Dumfriesshire, 1836; Adam Mickiewicz, poet, Istanbul, 1855; George Dobson, zoologist, West Malling, Kent, 1895; Coventry Patmore, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1896; Sir Leander Jameson, leader of the abortive raid into the Transvaal, London, 1917; Tommy Dorsey, trombonist and band leader, Greenwich.

in the "Great Storm" more than 8,000 people perished and the first Eddystone lighthouse was de-stroyed; among the dead was its designer, Henry Winstanley, 1703. President Charles de Gaulle opened the world's first tidal power station in Brittany, 1966. The Brinks-Mat security ware house at Heathrow Airport was broken into and £25 million of gold bullion stolen, 1983.

Luncheons

Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State, Foreign and Common-wealth Office, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Gar-rick Club in honour of the Presi-dent of the Polish State Foreign Investment Agency.

Farmers' Company Mr Marcus Comish, Master of the Farmers' Company, presided at a livery luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' Fletchers' Hall. The Masters of the Butchers' and Barbers' Companies were among the guests.

Monday Luncheon Club Sir Denis Thatcher was the principal guest at the Christmas huncheon of the Monday Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Roland Shaw, chairman, presided.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Dr Peter Dixon. Head of Political Affairs. The European Com-mission, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr L.J. Lickorish presided.

Dinners

The Speaker
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were present at a dinner given by the Speaker at Speaker's House yesterday evening. Sir Robert Fellowes and Lady Farnham were in attendance.

Lady Farnham were in attendance. Other guests were:
The Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, MP. Mr. Margaret Beckett. MP. Mr. Toong Blair, MP. Mr. Robin Cook. MP. Mr. Toong Blair, MP. Mr. Robin Cook. MP. Mr. Damaid Dewar, MP. Mr. Michael Forsyth, MP. Mr. Alassalt Goodlad, MP. Mr. Michael Forsyth, MP. Mr. Alassalt Goodlad, MP. Mr. Michael Heseltine, MP. Mr. Michael Morris, MP. Mr. Cillian Shephard, MP. Sir John Wheeler, MP. Sir Nicholas Borsor, MP. Mr. Angela Browning, MP. Mr. State Hoey, MP. Mr. Jane Kennedy, MP. Mr. Sakey, MP. Mr. Jane Kennedy, MP. Mr. Sakey, MP. Mr. Jane Kennedy, MP. Mr. Sakey, MP. Mr. Gilles Radica, MP. Mr. Gorge Robertson, MP. Mr. Gilles Radica, MP. Mr. John Sykes, MP. Mr. Grand, Mr. Mr. John Sykes, MP. Mr. Mr. John Shiringiale, MP. Mr. Datydd Wigley, MP. Canon Dorrald Gray, Mr. Tester Jennings, Mr. Dogald Limon and Mr. Nicolas Bevara.

Rakers' Comans my.

The Lord Mayor was a speaker at the election dinner of the Cooks' Company held last night at Man-sion House. Mr C. Barrie Judge, Master, presided. Mr Richard Sawyer and Sir David Naish, sident of the National Farmers Union, also spoke. Afterwards, Mr John Moon, the new Master, was invested with the chain of office. Thorney Island Society

Superintendent Gregory Roylance, of New Scotland Yard, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Thorney Island Society held last night at the Basil Street Hotel.

Gardens, to mark Kew's role in world conservation and the work of the Millermium Seed Bank project. Professor Sir Ghillean Prance, director of the gardens, and Sir Neil Shaw, chairman of the foundation trustees, were the Cardiff Business Clah The Chairman of Cardiff Business Club, Mr Brian K. Thomas, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan.

Kew Gardens Foundation Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS,

was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Kew Gardens Foundation

held last night at the Royal Botanic

Mr R.P.V. Rees and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Max Phillips were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest Speaker was Mr Ron Davies, MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales. Councillor Russell Roberts, Mayor, Rhondda Cynon Taff Council, presided.

Bakers' Company The following have been elected officers of the Bakers' Company for

Master, Mr John Moon; Upper Warden, Mr Christopher Gilford; Second Warden, Mr Colin List; Third Warden, Mr Robert Osborne; Under Warden, Mr Robin Salmon.

Reception

High Sheriff of Greater London The High Sheriff of Greater London, Sir Cyril Taylor, gave a reception for the Judiciary of Greater London at Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, EC4, yesterday evening. Among those present

Wire:
The Lord Chief Justice and Lady
Bingham of Comhill. the LordLlethenant of Greater London and
Lady Bramail, Lord and Lady
Browne-Wilkinson, Lord and Lady
Irvine of Lairg, Lord Wigoder, Qc.
and Lady Wigoder, Earoness Blatch. Invine of Lairg, Lord Wigoder, QC and Lady Wigoder, Baroness Black. Lord and Lady Quirk. Lord Briggs, Lord and Lady Quirk. Lord Taylor, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Wooli, the Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Court and Lady Scott, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, Lord Justice Auld. Lord Justice and Lady Bridge, Lord Justice and Lady Hirst, Lord Justice and Lady Ward, Sir lain and Lady Glideweil. Mr Justice and Lady Ward, Sir lain and Lady Glideweil. Mr Justice and Lady Ward, Sir lain and Lady Glideweil. Mr Justice and Lady Ward, Sir lain and Lady Glideweil. Mr Justice and Lady Worlow. Lord Justice and Lady Ward, Sir lain and Lady Glideweil. Mr Justice and Lady Worlson, Mr Justice and Lady Hollis, the Recorder of London and Lady Hollis, the Recorder of London and Lady Verney, the Common Serjeant of London and Miss Ann Curnow, OC, Judge Esyr Lewis, OC, Judge Hicks, OC, and Mrs Holls, Judge and Mrs Gnoks, Judge and Mrs Lyons, Judge and Mrs Brooks, Judge and Mrs Lyons, Judge and Mrs Evans, Judge Pryor, OC, and Mrs Pryor, Judge Pytor, OC, and Mrs Pryor, Judge Pytor, OC, and Mrs Pryor, Judge Byrt, QC, and Mrs Norman, Ju

Byrt, Judge and Mrs White, Judge and Mrs Goldstein, the Official Solicitor and Mrs Harris, the Treasury Solicitor. the Queen's Remembrancer and Mrs Turner, the Admiralty Registrar and Mrs Miller, Master Dyson, District Judge and Mrs Angel, the Chief Taxing Master and Mrs Hurst, the Master of the Court of Protection, the Public Trustee. Sir Thomas Legg, QC, and Lady Legg, the Chairman of the Bar Council and Mrs Penry Davey, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple and Mrs Nugee, Mr Richard Harrier, QC. Mr and Mrs David Eady, the Vice-President of the Law Society and Mrs Sycamore; the Secretary General of the Law Society and Mrs Sycamore; the Secretary General of the Law Society and Mrs Sycamore; the Secretary General of the Law Society the Master of the Mr and Mis Davio Early, the viceresident of the Law Society and Mis
Sycamore; the Secretary General of
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Mrs James Lemkin, Mr Alastair
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Cambridgeshire the High Sheriff of
Surrey and Mrs Sanders, the High
Sherilf of Henfordshire and Mrs
Dimsdale, the Master and Clerk of
the Mercer's Company, the Commissioner of the City of London
Police and Mrs Taylor, Assistant
Commissioner Andhory Speed,
Assistant Commissioner and Mrs
Ian Johnston, Mr Philip Fletcher, Mr
David Hamilton, the DirectorGeneral of the Prison Service and
Mrs Till, Mr James Perriss, Mr Ivor
Ward, the Chief Crown Prosecutor
and Mrs Ethrington. Sir Harry
Djanogly, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir
Stanley and Lady Kalms, Mr John
Wilkinson, MP, and the Under
Sheriff and Mrs Hargrove.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane Juniolane

Janice Irene Cameron and Robert
Gardner Sommerville have been
ordained in St Catharine's.
Blairgowrie. Both will serve as Assistant Minister at Alyth, Blairgowrie. and Couper Angus.

Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness Caifford John Piper, previously Assistant Curate at St Ninian's, Invergordon, to be Assistant Priest (NS) at St Andrew's Tain.

Resignations Diocese of Edinburgh Sharon Patricia Culvinor Kyle, Curate at St Philip's and St James', Edinburgh, has resigned. She is moving to South Wirral, Cheshire, to be Assistant Priest.

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Simon Holland, Team Priest at East End Ministry, Glasgow, has re-signed: He is so be Rector at Adding bourne, Barnham and Eastergate, Diocese of Chichester.

Retiral
Robert Taylor Halliday, Bishop of
Brechin, has retired from active
ministry it is hoped to announce his
successor in February.

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Forthcoming marriages

and Miss A. Glossop

The engagement is announced between Randle, only son of Sir Richard and Lady Baker Wilbraham, of Rode, Hall, Cheshing and Amende aldest daughter ire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Glossop, of

Dogmersfield, Hampshire Mr S.J. Connell and Dr C.E.M. Golding The engagement is announced between Sean, eldest son of Sir Michael and Lady Counell, of Steane Park, Brackley, and Catherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Golding, of St John's Wood, London. London.

Lieutemant Coloniel J.H. Gibbon and Miss K.M. Shaw The engagement is announced between John, son of General Sir

John and Lady Gibbon, of Win-chester, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shaw, of Sheffield. Mr B.H. Grant and Miss J.P.A. Porter

The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs John Grant, of Bromley, Kent, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Porter, of Marlborough,

Mr J. Hagan and Miss L.K. Rugacres The engagement is announced between Joel, son of Mr and Mrs

Ronald Hagan, of Sandbach, Cheshire, and Laura Kate, youn-ger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Christopher Runacres, of Bath. Mr T.D.T. Jenkins and Miss D.M. Lamonse

The engagement is announced between Toby David Tair, son of the late Mr Maurice Jenkins and of Mrs Maurice Jenkins, of Edinburgh, and Diane Marie, younger, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lamonte, Sr, of New Orleans. Mr A.A. Pitt

and Miss E.V. Lewiswaite. The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr David Pitt-and of Mrs David Pitt, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lewthwaite, of Ranelagh

Mr M. Alston and Miss A.F. Faulkner The engagement is announced between Michael (Olly), younger son of Mr and Mrs James Alston, of Cherry Tree Lodge, Union Mills, Isle of Man, formerly of Trinidad, and Alison, youngest daughter of Sir Dennis Paulkner and the law Lodge Saulkner of and the late Lady Faulkner, of Ringhaddy House, Killinchy,

Northern Ireland Mr P.C. Taylor and Miss M.B. Winn-Moon The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, of Northallerton, North Yorkshire, and Marah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Winn-Moon, of

London. Captain A.R. Thorne and Miss D.L. Howard-Carter and Miss D.L. Howard Carter
The engagement is announced
between Captain Andrew Roland?
Thorne, REME, only son of Mr
and Mrs J. Thorne, of Illogen,
Cornwall, and Deborah Louise,
only daughter of Mrs Linda
Bowen, of Upnon Magna, Shropshire.

Mr P.J. Wells Mr P.J. Wells
and Miss L.A. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced
between Peter John, youngest son
of Mr and Mrs John Wells, of Shelton, Huntingdon, and Louise Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Wilkinson, of Roehampton.

Marriages

Mr A.J. Gammon and Miss C.J. Jause The marriage took place on November 23, 1996, between Mr Anthony Gammon, eldest son of Mr Peter Gammon, of Trevose, and Mrs Anna Wright of Gaucia, and Miss Carolyn Jansen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dermis Jansen, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Captain C. Sweeting and Miss C.M. Haigh
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 2, 1996, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Penistone, Sheffield, of Captain Craig Sweeting, REME, and Miss Caroline Haigh, of Oxspring, Sheffield.

Early civilisation in the firing line

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

CONTROL of fire is one of the Kebara cave, not far south of most striking markers of hu-man behaviour: although evi-dence for its presence has been traced back more than a million years in Africa, such remains are rarely recognised. A new technique now enables archaeologists to detect ancient fires invisible to the eye, by identifying a character-istic ash residue. This is made up from the siliceous portion of wood and other plant tissue used as fuel, which compacts as water seeps through it over the millennia.

Such ashy residues are actually a major part of the deposits in some cave sites, as Professor Ofer Bar-Josef and Professor Ofer Bar-Josef and major component of cave de-his colleagues found at posits at sites like Hayonim is Hayonim cave in northern Israel. Dating back some 250,000 years, the residues were nearly three metres thick in places.

The distinctive mineral complex was identified using a Fourier-transform infrared spectrometer, which had al-70,000 year-old deposits at 400,000 years ago.

Hayonim. Fire is such an important part of the archaeo-logical record that it is surprising that until now very little analysi has been done on something as basic as ashes," said Steve Weiner of the. Weizmann Institute in Israel, who carried out the study. Electron microscope studies

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revealed minuscule particles of charcoal, and odd pea-sized is of baked clay drove be dirt from the roots of grade tufts pulled up for fuel, according to Dr Paul Goldberg of Boston University.

One of the important general implications of ash being a that the presence of stone tools throughout the sequence is not proof of continuous occupawhen people were present, but slowly when they were not ...

Professor Bar-Josef's team are now testing their conclusions in China, at the Zhoukoudian cave where Peready been used on clearly Zhoukoudian cave where Pe-defined ancient hearths at the king Man first used fire

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AHMED - To Qamar Nadeen and his Begum Eugayyah : beautiful son, Idris Shams a - Din on 5th November 1996 ALLEN - On November 14th, to Kate (née Dickinson) and Jonathan, a son, Rugh William, a brother for Ben Locy and Sculth. SOWERMAN - On 2nd October at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Gill (nes Sneller) and John, a son, Lewis Henry, a brother for Max and Romnie.

BROWN - On 23rd November 1996 at Royal Berkshire Hospital Beading to Share

Thomas.
CROWTHER - On 17th
November, to Elizabeth (pée
Glew) and David, a son,
George Arthur Frederick DOBSON - On November 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Claire (noe Myers) and Peter, a daughter, Aleris Anne, a sister for Lydia.

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DURAZZANO - On 20th
November 1996, in Milan, to
Cristias (ade Buondonno)
and Gusseppe Durazzano, a
daughter, Vittoria. transfer vitoria.

LYNCH - On November 20th at
The Portland Hospital to
Tim and Tracy a beautiful
daughter, Sophia Lotessa, a
sister for Olivia.

PICKTHORN - On November 22nd 1996, to Katherine (née Gernett) and Andrew, a son, Arthur William Garnett. TUDBALL - On 22nd November, to Elizabeth (née Rose) and Nick, a beautiful son, Harrison Peter.

DEATHS

ARIS - On 22nd November 1976 after a long illness at Mayday Hospital, Corydon, Mary Biddulph aged 81 of Purley, Sunsey, Much Lowed aunt, great-aunt, consin and Godmother. Funeral to be held at South London Crematorium on Monday 2nd December at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Zng December at pm.
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Donutions to The Car's
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sent to Rowland Bros. F/D. 44
High Street, Purier, CRE 2AA
or tek (0181) 660-5547.

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Andrews Church, Ipplepen.

ARROWSMITH - Roy Sydney, dearly beloved husband of June, much loved father of June, much loved father of Linda, David and Julie, father-in-law of Janet and Keith, grandad of Sarah, brother of Ggaham, brother-in-law of Fat, uncle of Lee and Jane, passed away at home on Friday November 22nd. Service at Streetly Crematorium followed by burial at Streetly Commentary 28th November at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations to The British Heart Foundation or Crystic Fibrosis.

BARKER - Gov Golding. on

Cystic Fibrosis.

BARKER - Gay Golding, on November 17th 1996, at home in Battle, East Sussex, after an immensely brave struggle. Husband of judy, father of inn, Hilary, Rachel and Kate and gandfather of Benjamin, Jessamy, Rebecca, joseph. Jonathan and Natasha. He donated his body for medical research. Memodral Service, Thursday December 5th, 12.15 pm at Bodiam Patth Church and afterwards at Bodiam Castle. Donation enquiries tel: (01424) 436386.

BLAKEWAY - Peacefully on

(01424) 436386.

BLAMEWAY - Peacefully on November 20th 1996 | nme Elizabeth Logan aged 70 of Hungerford, Berkshive. Beloved wife of Michael. Service at St Lawrence Church, Rungerford on Friday November 29th at 2.30 pm. All enquirles, flowers or donations (Newbury and District Cancer Care Trust) if desired to Turner Brothers, 15 Humpton Road, Newbury. (Newbury 41645).

BOSANGUET - Nincy Camilla.

(Newbury 41645).

ROSANGHET - Nancy Camilla, suddenly on November 21st, aged 78. Deaily loved sixter, aunt, cousin and friend.

Cremation in Oxford on Priday November 29th at 1.45 pm. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Min Paul Payne, Hon. Sec., Oxford Strake Group, 6 Capel Close, Oxford C27.A. Enquiries to Enewes & Palme Ltd. (01865 744500).

BRITAIN - Edward William Martin Seitain, M.E., ESc. Eng., F.I.C.E., F.I.Mech.E. of Goostrey. Cheshire on November 22nd, pacefully in hospital. Dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Elichard and Jodith. Private cremation. No flowers. No letters. Donations if degired to RNLI

RNLI.

SRYDEM - Peacefully in Rowerset Hospics, Torquay on 22nd November 1996, St Cecilia's Day, after a long and vary courageous fight against cancer. Margaret (nee Greenlaw) aged 53, dearly loved wife of John, great mother of Jane and Anna, dearest daughter of George and Peggy, much loved sister of Mary, a dearly loved anni and a special friend to many. Thanksgiving Service and funeral on Friday 29th November at 11 am in St Matthias Church, Babtacombe Boad, Torquay, fellowed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for F.O.R.C.E. (Cancer Research) and Roweroft Hospice may be sant to Torbus & District Present Hospice may be sent to Torbay & District Funeral Service, Wellswood House, 11 Babbacombe Road,

COOKE-Charles, on November 24th pencefully. Most darling husband of Sadie, father of Julia and Jame. Labe of The Bank of England. Family funeral.

Family funeral.

COOMES - On November 21st
1996 at The Royal Devon
and Exeter Hospital,
Heavitree, Marjorie aged 91
years, wife of the late Fr.
Thomas Walter Coombe.
Dearly loved mum of Fr.
Michael and Peter Requiem
Mass at All Saints Chunch,
Exeter Round, Enmouth, on
Priday November 29th at 12
noon followed by inhymant.
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Funeral Directors, (01395)
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ARRESTRONG - Beryl Elleen Rece MRE Paccefully on Rece MRE Paccefully on 24th November 20th 1996.

24th November, Wife of late Thomas Geolfrey Armstrong, Much loved mother, grandmother and greatgradmother. Funeral Service on Monday grandmother are 1 pm. four thouses may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service at Torquay Vale Crematorium at 1 pm. four thouses may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service at Torquay Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd December at 2 pm. footal ributes may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service at Torquay Vale Crematorium at 1 pm. footal ributes may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service at the Footal ributes may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service, and footal ributes may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service, and for their loving and and David and to Service, and footal ributes may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service at Torquay Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 140 Alexandra Road, William Footal ributes may be sent to Ashtum's Funeral Service, and for their loving and and David and Commanday and friends with the footal ributes and to Ashtum's Funeral Service at the Forland Service, and for their loving and footal foo

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De PREE - On 23rd November peacefully surrounded by his family and the devoted staff of the Pink House and the Marie Curie Nurses, Hugo De Free aged 84. Much loved and loving father of janet, Rokin and Jiffer and grood grandiather and great-grandiather. Pumeral Service Friday 29th November 12 noon St John's, Airesford, followed by private burial. Flowers or donations to Marie Curie may be sent to Kamp 2 Stevens, 91. High Street, Alton, GU34 116.

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Mangaret Loreen, suddenly
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For flowers please.

EDMONISSON - Payllis Many
on November 21st aged 76,
widow of Beggie, loved and
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Hangaret, Camilla, Chaire and
Cordelia. Funeral at St
Peters, Dunchnich, on Friday
25th November 22 230 pm.

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for 45 years. Beloved
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HTEM - Artune Oscar aged 79,
dear Sather of Angelo (Lino),
passed away peacefully on
22nd November. Enquiries
to W. Comford & Son, 100
Blatchington Boad, Hove,
East Sussex. SNS 325, rab (01273) 737005.

HALLIDAY - Margaret Anne (formerly Gough), died after a short illness on 20th November at Worthing Hospital. Mother of Nicholas, Simon and Relen. Funeral and cremation at Worthing Crematorium, Findon at 11.40am on Friday 29th November. No flowers plants - donations to The Nightingale Fellowship Benevolent Fund, Gassiot House, 2 Lambeth Palace Roed, London SEI 7EW.

HUNT - On November 22nd aged 79 years Geoffrey James Minchell Huar T.D. of Scalby, Scarbowegh, North Yorkshire, died suddenly at Ganton Golf Club, Seloved bushand of the lare Peggy and so dearly loved by all his family, Funeral Service on Friday 29th November at St Luwences Church, Scalby at 17 19002.

ISON - Peacefully on 21st Novamber, Leonora, dearly beloved wife of Walter Ison of St Leonards-on-Sen. Funezai Service at Hastings Crematorium 3 pm Friday 29th Rovember. Enquiries to A.C. Towner Ltd., tel: (01424) 436386. KEARNEY - Frank Joseph aged 68 auddenly of a heart arrack at home on Thursday 14th November Cremation 14th November. Cremation Shrewsbury Crematorium Priday 29th November at 320 pm. Flowers to John Williams Funeral Directors, 28 Systical Directors, 28 Systical College, 460669. Thanksgiving Mars will be on Friday 5th December in Sussex, enquiries (0181) 687-2449.

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MacGREGOR - Kathleen
Margaret Noel (née
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sleep at home on Sunday
November 24th Kako' aged
90 years, beloved wife of the
late Archibald Gordon
MacGregor, loving mother
and grandmother of Anna,
(the late) Caroline, Alison
and Kathryn, Funeral Service
at 1.30 pm on Friday
November 29th at St
Cuthbert's Episcopal
Chunch, Westgarth Avanue,
Colinton, Edinburgh
followed by cremation at
Mortonhall Crematorium
Pentland Chapel at 2.45 pm.
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MULLIS - Derek Rivers on November 21st, 1996 greatly loved husband of Hargarnt, beloved father of Keren and Flona and Gear grandfather of Sain, Licey, Francesca, Katherine and Alexandra, Private cremation, Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Alderbury at 2 pm on Monday December 2nd If desired donations in his memory to The Chilmark Ward Fund, would be appreciated. Items may be sent of Lik, Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Sallabury, Wilts. SP1 18L.

MELOCK - Willio McNelli FRCS on November 18th 1996 peacefully at home. Late Lieut. Col. Indian Medical Service. Memorial Service Wing Church Saturday December 7th 12:30 pm. PROSSER - On November 23rd recognition of the control of the co

RED - Tom E suddenly on 22nd November 1996 in Montreal, Canada, Formenty of Garryowen F.C. Limerick, Ireland and London Irish. Deeply repretted by his heartbroken wife Linds, tisters burthers nephores.

ROSE - On November 21st 1996, Dr. Bernard William George Rose O.S.E., M.A., D.Mus., F.R.C.O., after 2 long illness, stoically borne. Beloved husband of Molly. devoted and much loved father of Graham, Gregory and Nigel, father in-law of judith, Helen and Wendlamid grandisther of Richard. Alexandra, Chiver, Sinon and Freddig. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service in St Mary Church, Bampton, Oriordalpire to be held at 2.30 pm on Friday 29th November 1996. A Memorial Service will take place at a later date at Magdaien College, Ordord, Family flowers only; donarions to The Friends of the Bampton Practice, i.andella, Bampton, Oxfordalpire UKIR 21.

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Smellast. - Very passingly at
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Stoff - Dr. Hingh. (1881). On November. 22nd., 1996. Saidenly after a king Elbass bravely fought, aged \$3 years. Much loved by his family and friends, all. of whom will genetly miss his energy and vitality. Funeral Services ar Etchingham Church, East Sussex, on Monday 2nd December at 11nm. Rankly flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Hospice on the Weald, clo C Watershouse and Sons, Burwash, Belt Sussex. Int. 61435 882219. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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YORD - On Saturday 23rd November, Marion (née Littishoy) died pencetully athoms, beloved wife of W.G. (2011). Told decil. WHE be saily missed by her some lutian and Andrew, despites in-law Margie and Renée and her five yrandsons. Nicholas, Anthony, Edmund, Sen and Alex and all her family and friends. Private Samily cremation. Thenkedying Service for friends; and family on Twesday 2nd December at 12 noon Christ Church, Copes Hill, 5w20. No flowers. Donations if wished to Muricians Benevolent Fund or FDSA direct.

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Simpson-Jarrett on November 21st suddenly at his horement No Rovember 21st, suddenly at his horement Stapson-Jarrett, much loved mother of Emma, adored and missed by all her family, Service of Thems, whose of the line Edwin and Lovels, Weston to the Church, Wington, on Friday, November 29th at 2 pm.

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WHITEMS - On November 23rd 1996 in Southwold Hospital. Derothy, beloved wife of Romaid, dearly loved mechan of Jamet and Christophur and adoring Grandmother, to Benjamin, Granma, William and Alasdair, Family only funeral on 29th November followed at 12 noon by a gathering of friends and relatives at The Swan, Southwold. No flowers please but if wished donations to Cancer Research or Friends of Southwold Hospital via Fishers (Southwold) 12d, Field Stile Road, Southwold ip18 61D, Withhiry - Winfried Ada, late of Baston, Peterborough, on November 24th 1996, much loved widow of Ted, mother of Susan, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Baston Church on Monday 2nd December at 1.15 pm, followed by crumation at Peterborough. Family flowers only, demaious to Same John the Saprix Church, Baston, to The Reverend HJR. Howes, The Vicanoge, Church Street, Thurlby, Bourne, PEIC Old.

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OBITUARIES

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Mohamed Amin. MRF. television cameraman. died in a plane crash on November 23 aged 53. He was born on August 29, 1943.

hat Mohamed Amin

should die in the course of an event that made front-page news was itself not very surprising. His 30-year career as one of Africa's foremost frontline cameramen took him often into dangerous places and threatening situations. or once, however, on this last Sccasion, the story in which he was caught up was not one that he was following himself. When Ethiopian Airlines flight ET961 was hijacked in Addis Ababa at the weekend, Amin was on board as a passenger, returning after a business meeting to his home in Nairobi. He was one of those killed when the plane crashed into the sea off the island of Grand Comore. "Mo" Amin had already, in

the words of his friend and frequent collaborator Michael Buerk of the BBC, "lost several of his nine lives". It was on one of his assignments with Buerk, 12 years ago, that Amin took some of the most powerful pictures in television history; his film of the devastating effects of famine in Ethiopia met with an extraordinary ublic response.

The pop star Bob Geldof was among those horrified into action in October 1984 by Amin's pictures of the dead and dying. "I sat there," he said. "feeling horrified, ashamed and disgusted. What could i do personally?" Buerk and Amin's moving reports prompted countless others to ask the same question.

Most of the leading figures in British pop joined Geldof in recording a song to raise money for famine relief. The resulting record. Do They Know It's Christmas — Feed The World, sold more than 24 million copies in under three weeks in Britain; in the US it sold 3 million copies in the first five days. The Band Aid appeal, as it was called, seized the public imagination in a way few other fundraising efforts have matched.

Within less than a year, the international relief effort had distributed some 900,000 tons



Mohamed Amin recording some of the first pictures of famine victims in Tigre province, Ethiopia, October 1984

people, along with \$63 million of government-purchased imported wheat. In the longer term, questions were to be raised about how effectively the aid had been channelled to those who needed it most; and when Buerk and Amin returned to Ethiopia in 1989. they found disaster threatening once more. But Amin's 1984 pictures undoubtedly helped to save millions of lives. As Geldof observed: "Mo Amin succeeded above all else in showing his own disgust and shame and anger and making it yours also." In fact, Amin had drawn

attention to what was then still "one of Africa's greatest tragedies in the making" several months before his television pictures shocked the world. In May 1984 he wrote a frontpage story in Nairobi's Sunday Nation, warning that the worst drought in Ethiopia's history" had spread into the country's once fertile highlands and was affecting more than a fifth of the population.

That early report was based

travelling by DC3 aircraft, helicopter and four-wheel-drive vehicles in Ethiopia and neighbouring Djibouti. The determination was typical. A warm, witty and generous man at heart, Amin was absolutely driven when it came to pursuing a story, and had a ferocious appetite for work. Seven-day weeks and eighteen-hour days were not uncommon, and he often started work at 2am, so as to make the most of the quieter part of the day. He had a genius for making things happen, using force of personality to cut through red tape and sweep aside obstructions.

in Nairobi, the son of a Punjabi stonemason employed on the East African railways. At the age of 11 he acquired his first camera, a Box Brownie: two years later, with his schoolboy coverage of an East African car rally, he took the first confident step towards his future career.

Mohamed Amin was born

Self-taught as a photogra-pher, for much of his life he

cy and its successor. Reuters Buerk, Amin was a hundred Television, supplying pictures yards away from an arms to all the major networks dump when it exploded. He around the world. Eventually lost his left arm; his Kenyan he became head of the agensound recordist, John Mathai, cy's African bureau. He was was among more than a usually at the centre of events. hundred people killed. The loss of an arm would Early in his career, for instance, he was arrested and tortured while reporting a coup in Zanzibar and released

have ended most cameramen's careers. Amin, however, acquired a specially adapted camera and a highly sophisti-cated artificial limb, and reonly after diplomatic pressure. And in 1969 he was named British Cameraman of the turned to work. Among his Year for his coverage of the first projects was a documenassassination of Tom Mboya, tary about other amoutee vic-Kenya's economic and plantims of war. ning minister; as well as In recent years he had filming the event, Amin had concentrated on running his

own company, Camerapix, in Nairobi. As well as supplying news reports and pictures, the company published a number of books, among them an illustrated account of a journey through Zimbabwe, a study of what Amin feared might be the last days of the Masai tribe, and a guide to Ethiopia. Amin was appointed MBE in 1992.

Mo Amin is survived by his wife, Dolly, whom he married

PROFESSOR ABDUS SALAM

theoretical physicist and Nobel laureate, died on November 14 aged 70. He was born on January 29,

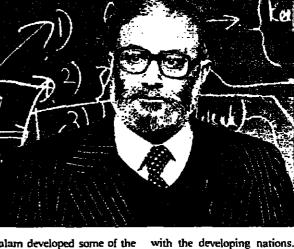
THE death of Abdus Salam leaves the world of theoretical physics without one of its most istinguished and respected members. Born in Jhang, Pakistan, he was soon to display the outstanding creative ability that was such a consistent feature of his professional career. Indeed, his first published scientific paper was produced at the early age of 17. Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees followed from Government College. Lahore, and from the University of Cambridge.

The focus of his research work was quantum field theory, with particular em-phasis on the long-term goal of finding a unified approach to the fundamental forces at work in the worlds of nuclear and sub-nuclear physics. In the 1960s Salam was closely involved with the attempts to construct a theoretically coherent account of the "strong" interactions that bind together the constituents of nuclei. The mathematical tech-

niques on which he worked at that time provided the foundations of the developments that followed — a sustained programme of research culminating in his construction of a theory that unified the electric and magnetic forces with the weak" nuclear force responsible for the radioactive decay of elementary particles. The dramatic confirmation of this theory by experiments at the European particle-accelerator facility CERN lead to his sharing the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physics with the American physicists, Sheldon Glashow and Steven Weinberg. This critical theoretical development became the central component of what became known as the "standard model" of the electromagnetic and nuclear forces.

gravitational field into this unified picture is a notoriously difficult problem and it is no surprise that this is another area to which Salam turned his formidable attention. The solution of this particular issue remains elusive but, working with his long-term rator

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Salam developed some of the main tools for handling the "superfields" that later became a major ingredient in the development of superstring theory - currently one of the most promising approaches to the problem of adding gravity to the list of unified forces.

In addition to his brilliant intellectual gifts, Salam was a man of remarkable vision and outstanding energy who played a major role in developing science throughout the world. Of particular significance was his success in 1964 in persuading the Italian Government and the United Nations to found a research institute for theoretical physics in Trieste, Italy, the prime mission of which was to provide a base for young scientists from the developing countries to carry out research with each other and with visitors from the West.

Salam was the director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics from 1964 to 1993, and it is a striking tribute to his charismatic and energetic personality that the Centre survived, and indeed, flourished, notwithstanding the numerous political difficulties that inevitably accompany an international project of this kind..

Abdus Salam was a member of the Ahmadiyyah branch of the Islamic religion and would sometimes lead prayers for fellow Muslims visiting the Centre in Trieste. Although his membership of this particular sect caused some difficulties in his relationships with his home country, he never forgot his natural affiliation

VERA VON DER HEYDT

He was also deeply concerned about the proliferation of nuclear weapons and served on many high-level committees involved in the promotion of international peace and collaboration and in the development of peaceful uses of

atomic energy. Salam's outstanding scientific and political achievements were recognised in many ways in addition to his receipt of the Nobel Prize. He was elected to fellowship of the Royal Society at an early age and received its Copley Medal in 1990. He was elected a member of scientific academies and societies in 24 countries and received a large number of honorary degrees. He was made an honorary KBE in 1989. He received nine medals for his contribution towards peace and the promotion of international collaboration.

On a personal level, Salam was a striking man. Any young scientist who had the privilege of working closely with him invariably found it to be an exhilarating and character-forming experience. In addition to his great intellectual gifts, Salam had a genuine sense of humour, including that rarest of qualities of being able to laugh at himself. A warm twinkle would often accompany his more unorthodox suggestions as to how exactly the foundation of physics should be revolutionised.

Abdus Salam was twice married. He had one son and three daughters by his first marriage and a son and a

J. EDWARD DAY

J. Edward Day, lawyer and Postmaster General of the United States, 1961-63, died on October 29 aged 82. He was born on October 11, 1914.

WHEN President Kennedy announced his choice of Postmaster General, few Washington insiders had heard of J. Edward Day, Indeed, Day was so little known in the capital at first, that at parties he was routinely mistaken for a security guard.

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resident wit in Kennedy's Cabmet, and was known to every American as the inventor of the ZIP code. He did not, of course, invent the concept without help from experts.

When he arrived in the huge Postmaster General's office (a lobby looking for a hotel," as he described it), he was presented with reports on a variety of possible coding sys-tems. Bureaucrats had been studying these exhaustively

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But within two years he had for years, and had still not established himself as the come to any firm conclusions. Swiftly, Day lost patience with the lot of them, and simply announced in December 1962 that a new five-digit coding system would take effect from the following July. .

Americans were uncon-vinced at first, and worried about the Big Brother overtones of a system which would reduce their postal identity to a series of numbers. Day calmed them by a spirited promotional campaign which

included Ethel Merman singing Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah jingles on the radio, and by notifying every American household by post of the new changes. The new Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) was a tremendous success, greatly easing the sorting of mail and speed of deliveries.

helped to get the wounded

politician to hospital in Nairo-

bi. In the 1970s his work drew

world attention to the atroc-

A distinctive swaggering gait was one legacy of the 17 serious car accidents he was

involved in during 30 years on Africa's treacherous roads.

More serious damage came in

Addis Ababa in June 1991, as

the Ethiopian capital fell to

rebel forces. Filming the fight-

ities of Idi Amin in Uganda.

James Edward Day had not been active in Kennedy's presidential campaign. He was a player in Democratic politics at a local level in his home state of Illinois, but Kennedy

certainly owed him nothing. He was chosen for the post largely because he was an excellent administrator, but also perhaps because, as Day succinctly put it: "I went to Harvard, I served in the Navy and my wife went to Vassar."
It was at Harvard, where he studied law, that he first met Kennedy.

After a spell in a Chicago law firm, he was taken under the wing of Adlai Stevenson (then Governor of Illinois) as first legislative assistant, and later state commissioner of insurance. During the 1950s there was an eight-year stint at the Prudential Insurance

The dry nature of these administrative jobs made Day's robust sense of humour in his role as Postmaster General even more surprising. He once turned down a Meat Association's request to introduce a stamp featuring a hamburger by announcing that, after chewing their sug-gestion over, he had decided to

put it on the back burner. But Day was finding it hard to live on his modest government salary and resigned a few weeks after ZIP codes were introduced. He returned to the lucrative world of law and in retirement to a farm in Maryland, where he attempted, not entirely successfully, to raise yaks, along with his llamas and cattle.

He is survived by his wife Mary and their two daugh-

EX-SOLDIERS AMONG

THE HOMELESS POOR.

A report of the Metropolitan Poor Law Inspectors' Advisory Committee on the Homeless Poor, issued for official use" by the Ministry of Health, gives some interesting details of vagrancy in London. The committee is fully representative and numbers among its members Prebendary Carille, of the Church Army, Rear-Admiral Sir Harry Suleman, of the Representative and representatives of

Dr. Barnardo's Homes and representatives of

the Ministry of Health, the Metropolitan

Asylums Board &c. Unification of effort to deal with those

sleeping out on the Embankment and

elsewhere was secured in 1910 by the formation of the committee, and one of the

first steps was to open a register of known

habitual vagrants who were unlikely to respond to any sympathetic treatment and

could be described as "unhelpable". Such

cases are now sent to the casual wards of workhouses for food and lodgings and are not passed on to voluntary agencies. The register at present contains 6,100 names. Any home-

less person found sleeping out on the Embankment or elsewhere obtains from the

police a ticket which admits him to the night office of the Metropolitan Asylums Board

under Hungerford Bridge. Here he is

Vera von der Heydt Jungian analyst, died on November 14 aged 96. She was born on December 11, 1899. EVEN on her very first meet-

ing with Carl Jung, Vera von der Heydt felt an immediate and profound identification with him. A practising ana-lyst, she had for many years taken an interest in psychology and, when Jung invited her to Zurich for a year to undergo analysis with him, she accepted eagerly.

Later, in a televised account of her life, The Light of Experience, Vera von der Heydt, a Jew who had fled from Berlin with the rise of the Nazis, described how Jung's analysis had unlocked memories which she had always sought to suppress. Without realising she was doing so, she had spoken to him in her native German

She went on to become a leading influence on Jungian circles in Britain, her impressive bearing and commanding demeanour backed up by a deep understanding of the Jungian tradition of analysis.

Vera von Schurabach - as she was before her marriage - was born in Berlin, the daughter of a prominent Jewish banker. She was barely 19 years old when she married Baron Eduard von der Heydt. They spent their honeymoon at Ascona in Switzerland, in an exclusive hotel which her husband owned. It was there,



some 30 years later, that she was to meet Jung for the first

Eduard von der Hevdt was one of the bankers for Kaiser William II. The marriage was never an easy one and in 1927 it ended in divorce. Neither of them was ever to marry again.

With the rise to power of the Nazis in 1933, Vera left her family and home to live in London where she secured a job as an assistant to an executive of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. However, this was not to satisfy her for long, and she moved to Amsterdam where she studied palmistry under Julian Spier. But she had also begun to take an interest in the Roman Catholic faith. On her return to England she was instructed and received into the Church by the fashionable Jesuit priest Father Martin d'Arcy. Her religion from then on was the focal point in her

At the outbreak of war, Vera vors.

von der Heydt was living in Oxford and it was there in 1941 that she began a three-year analysis. She was particularly interested in the connections between the Christian faith and psychology. Soon she moved to Edinburgh to work as an analyst at the Davidson Clinic — a pioneering psychotherapeutic clinic. She was to remain there until 1951. though with one significant break - when she went on sabbatical to be analysed by

In 1951 Vera von der Heydt set up practice in London. She continued to analyse, now with Dr Gerhardt Adler, one of the leading Jungians in Britain. They were to work together until 1975. At the time there were two Jungian traditions running in parallel: that representing the Zurich train-ing still looking directly to an oral tradition from Switzerland, and the more formalised (English) Society of Analytical Psychology which was based in London. In 1975 the Association of Jungian Analysts was formed.

Vera von der Heydt was still seeing clients when she was in her eighties. But her chief influence was always upon the dissemination in Britain of lung's methods of analysis and teaching practices. This she achieved mainly through the guild of pastoral psychology which she chaired for many years.

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A breakdown of the records of habitual vagrants in London reveals that three years after the end of the First World War there was still a significant number of homeless soldiers in the capital.

interviewed and passed on, either to the casual ward or to the shelters of such societies as the Church Army and Salvation Army. The most recent figures show that the number of unhelpable (i.e., casual ward) cases is much less than heretofore. Whereas in November and December 1912-13, the average number sent out to casual wards out of those applying at the Night Office was 53 per cent, in 1920 it was only 19 per cent. Six hundred and thirtyfive persons, however, applied monthly for relief to the Night Office in 1920 as against only 58 in 1919 - an increase largely made up of discharged soldiers. The slur on London charity represented 10 years or more ago by the huddled forms of the destitute occupying every seat on the Emhankment has now been finally removed. In the last resort there is no reason why any one in London should be without food or shelter.

POLICE CHASE OF A FUNERAL

LEEDS, Nov 25 A Coroner's officer was sent by motor car to stop the funeral of a Jewish boy. Philip Levine. aged 12. of Camp Road, Leeds, at Gildersome Cemetery today as the Leeds Coroner, Mr W. H. Clarke, held the view that there should be an inquest. The officer did not arrive until the boy was buried. The Coroner thereupon

ordered an exhumation. The Coroner, having received news of the death, which had occurred in the morning, called an inquest, as it was understood that the boy had been kicked off a tramcar by the conductor a few weeks ago. Meanwhile, in order that the hody could be buried according to Jewish custom. Mr. Clarke wrote out : burial order that was to be delivered to the relatives of the boy after a doctor had examined his body and expressed himself satisfied. When the doctor reached the house the funeral was already on the way to

Survey finds banks best for cash not advice

NEVER mind the advice, just hand over the cash is the attitude of most small businesses towards their banks, according to a report by the Business Solutions Show (Rodney Hobson writes).

Research among those who at-tended the exhibition at Olympia indicated that entrepreneurs trust their accountants most when it comes to seeking business advice. The bank manager ranks after chambers of trade and Business Links. However, small businesses have no hesitation in turning to their bank managers for the funds they need to finance growth. A bank loan or overdraft was favoured by 42 per cent of those attending the show. Private investors, preferred by 28 per cent, were the next favoured source.

Although many small businesses have gone to the wall when banks have called in overdrafts, the survivors still shun factoring, a more secure means of raising finance. Many regard it as too expensive and even companies with turnover of more than £100,000 — well above the threshold for most factoring companies assumed that they were too small.

Philip Lowery, events director for EPS Events, organiser of the Business Solutions show, believes the financial services community is still failing to reach the lucrative small and medium enterprises sector, which includes 3.8 million

He says: The UK's smaller businesses evidently feel comfort-able using banks as financial mainstays yet they do not rate them as sounding boards for useful business advice. Yet banks have more to offer the sector than merely a financial crutch in times of need.



BUSINESS FOR SALE

How misfortune turned a pastime into a business

Angler rises to challenge

By RODNEY HORSON

TWO possible careers were wiped out in a moment when David Packwood, goalkeeper, leapt for a high ball and tore ligaments in his

Then 24, Mr Packwood was already a semi-professional on Tottenham Hotspur's watch-list, as well as a police officer. The injury put paid to both.

Eighteen months ago, after ten years out of work and 17 operations, he took the plunge and opened a shop for anglers called The Bait Box in the High Street at

He says: "Angling has always been a hobby of mine and the Evesham area, with the Severn and Avon close by, is a magnet for

He already had some experience in retailing from helping in a friend's shop, but no business experience, and his was the first enterprise to benefit from the planned business start-up programme run by Hereford and Worcester Training and Enterprise Council (Hawtec).

Apart from learning about VAT, retail legislation, finance and marketing, he received a grant that he invested in stock and refrigeration equipment. He says: "The course was invaluable and the back-up has been good."

Those lessons proved useful when The Bait Box struck an early crisis: the landlord went bust and the liquidator wanted to sell the shop. Mr Packwood borrowed from his in-laws and raised a mortgage on the shop.

"Having to buy the building put

a lot of strain on my resources, but the High Street location was a good

"Hawtee had drummed into me that location was very important. If I hadn't bought the shop someone



David Packwood feels he was well prepared for setting up shop and overcoming an early crisis

else would have got a ready-made business and I would have seen 12 months of hard work go down the drain. At least now my destiny is in

my own hands." Fishing is an all-year activity and there is always a flow of local and visiting anglers looking for help and advice, along with rods, accessories and bait.

Mr Packwood values highly the full backing of his partner. "In summer I come into the shop at 5am and I do not finish until 11pm.

There is no way that I could do the books as well. I could not carry on without the support of my wife, Joanna. You have both got to pull in the same direction — otherwise you will sink very quickly."

☐ The Bait Box is on 01386 442955.

Firms get guide to, new technologies

By SALLY WATTS

A SUPPORT network to advise small companies on new technologies is on offer from the Information Society Initiative. The ISI is an industry-government partnership, backed by 70 major organisations, and has £35 million of funding over

four years. As part of ISI's Programme for Business, the first local support centres, staffed by business advisers, opened last week at 19 enterprise agencies. They will provide guidance, training and hands on experience, enabling small firms to compete in a market in which customers, suppliers, dis-tributors and competitors are in-creasingly online.

More centres will open early next

year; by the end of 1997, 50 should be operating. First services are at Business Links for Somerset, Dor-set, Gloucestershire, Thames Valley, Isle of Wight, Greater Manchester Network (Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Stockport High Peak), Cumbria, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, London City Partners and Hertfordshire, and the Tees for North and Mid-Cheshire.

South and East Cheshire, and North Nottinghamshire, and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. Three pilot centres, at Harlow, Essex, Lisburn, Co Antrim; and Manchester, are also operating.

A further Programme for Business service is a series of seven free implementation guides, each dealing with a particular technology, the Internet and the World Wide Web, e-mail and fax, mobile communications, networking, video conferencing, CD-Rom and electronic data interchange. They advise on when a company should consider adopting the technology, identifying business needs, choosing the right system, additional investment involved and introduc-

ing the system into the business.

The guides are produced by the Department of Trade and Industry try, which runs ISI, and follow a 56-page free guide, Doing Business in the Information Society. To stimulate use of electronic communication, ISI operates a range of awards. Creativity awards will help firms in such fields as film production, design and music.

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elopment Fund will be available for

each town with a population above

of small towns to both the economic and social fabric of Mid Wales."

the scheme's instigator. John Tay-

lor, chief executive of the Develop-ment Board For Rural Wales, said.

"We want to stimulate enterprising

groups to come up with ideas that

500. We recognise the importance

Rural aid plan in Wales

By IOLA SMITH

SMALL towns in rural Wales will receive £800,000 of European investment over the next three years under the Market Towns Initiative. This scheme was first mooted in the Government White Paper, A Working Countryside for Wales, but it is only this month that it is

being officially launched.
Its intention is to revitalise small communities by getting local people to devise regeneration projects. Grants of up to 190,000 from the European Regional Dev-

US Partners in Technology, in-

will play to the strengths of towns and help communities to plan for a prosperous future." The Development Board for Rural Wales will help local groups to draw up an action plan and will also advise on potential follow-up sources of funding, such as the Welsh Office, the National Lottery major promotion exhibition, UK-

and the private sector. Between now and Christmas seminars and workshops will be set up across rural Wales to inform local people of the initiative's opportunities. Communities have until February 21 to devise programmes of action and the first towns to receive grant aid will be selected in March. 1 7 7 <u>1 6</u> 7 7

A free seminar on the impact of the Budget on small and medium-size businesses will be held by Business Link Surrey at The Guildhall, Guildford, on Thursday. To reserve a place call Francesca Ayers on 0345 494949.

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ual section and Martin Mason and Richard Shacklock, of Coventry and Warwickshire, in the team section. Businesses voted for advisers who had helped them.

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es from 12 to 18 months provided nesses on January 31. The key one of the proprietors holds a speaker will be Gordon Brown, one of the proprietors holds a personal account with the bank.

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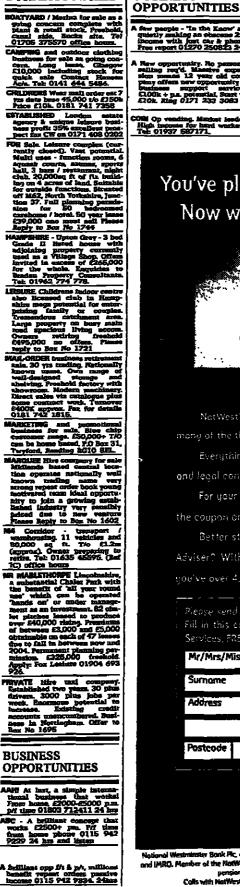
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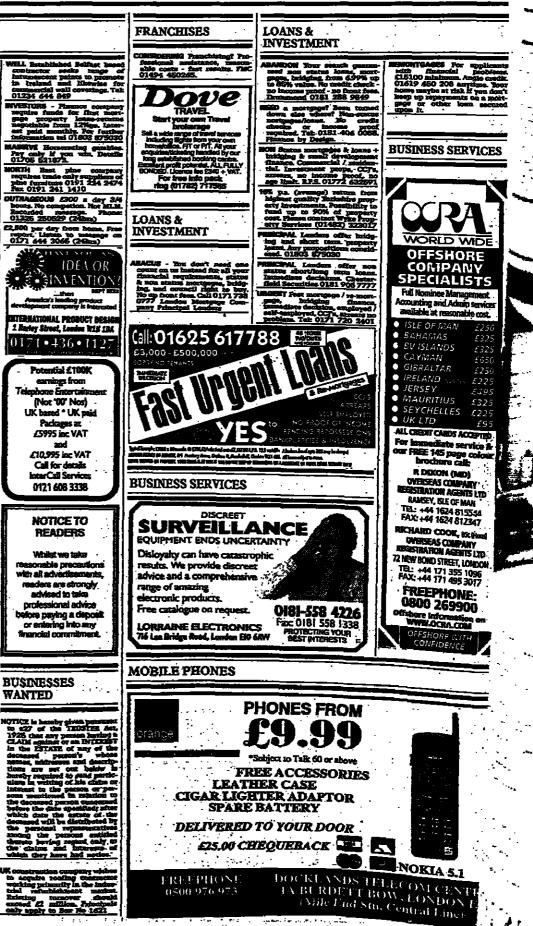




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Service on business address is valid

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Before Lord Justice Roch and Mr

[Judgment October 31]

Service of proceedings on a pro-fessional person at his "usual or last known address" meant his usual or last known business address. Accordingly, putting a writ in an envelope addressed personally to a partner in a firm of dictors, through a letter-box at his last known business address would be proper service under Order 81, rule 3(1)(a) and Order 10, rule 1(2)(b) of the Rules of the

Supreme Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mrs Felicity Robertson, from a decision of Mr Douglas Day, QC, initing as a deputy High Court judge, given on November 11, 1994. The judge, reversing the earlier decision of a master, had held that service of a writ by the plaintiff on the defendant firm, Banham & Co. was not valid and that therefore the judgment in default of defence was obtained irregularly and should be set aside.

By writ dated January 13, 1994, the plaintiff had started an action against two solicitors, Mr Ian Southward and Mr George Banham, who had practised as Banham & Co at 28 The Cheese Market, Salisbury.
On January 14, 1994 the plaintiff

put the envelope containing the writ addressed to "lan Southward" through the letter-box of the premises of the Griffiths Banham Partnership at Griffin House, lisbury. Later that morning the envelope and its contents came to the attention of Mr Southward lessional negligence insurers.

January 13 and 14, 1994, the firm of Banham & Co had been dissolved.

and Mr Southward forming the on the partner or in accordance Griffiths Banham Partnership with Order 10, rule 1(2). Griffiths Banham Partnership with a Mr R. L. Griffiths.

On February 18, the plaintiff signed judgment in default of defence. On January 26, the defendants acknowledged service of the writ and indicated that the action would be defended.

Mr Robert Denman for the laintiff, Mr Patrick Lawrence for

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that the issue before the master and the judge was whether the judgment of February had been regularly obtained by the plaintiff.
If the writ was duly served on Mr Southward on January 14, then it was, if the writ was not duly served until Mr Southward entered an appearance on January 26, then the judgment was irregular.

Mr Denman submitted that the plaintiff had duly served the defendants by placing the envelope addressed to Mr Southward through the letter-box of Griffin House, which was his usual and, to her, last known address.

Consequently, service had been duly effected on Immary 14, pursu-ant to the Rules of the Supreme Court. But for the decision of the Court for the decision of the Court of Appeal in Marsden v Kingswell Watts (1992) 2 All ER 239), his Lordship would have accepted that submission.

Service of originating process where partners were sued in the name of the firm was governed by Order 81 rule 3 unless the

partnership had, to the knowledge the plaintiff, been dissolved before an action sainst the firm was begun: see Order 81, rule 3(3). Order 81, rule 3 enabled a writ suing partners in the name of the firm to be served in three ways so as to be deemed due service on the

The first method was by service on any one or more of the partners, which might be personal service

The second was service at the principal place of business of the partnership within the partnership within the partnership on any person having at the time of service the control or management of the partnership business. That was service on all the partners although the person served might not be a partner.

or be a parmer.

The third method was by ordinary first class post to the firm at the firm's principal place of busi-ness within the jurisdiction. In the present case, the plaintiff relied on Order 81, rule 3(1)(a) claiming that the writ had been

properly served on one of the partners, Mr Southward, on January 14. That in turn raised the tion whether the events of famuary 14 constituted due service uthward under Order 10. rule 1(2)(b).

Certain matters had been established by decisions of the Court of Appeal in respect of those rules. including that "last known ad-dress" meant the defendant's last address known to the plaintiff.

With the principle that the purpose of the rules was that the originating process should be brought to the attention of the defendant, what was meant by "his usual or last known address"? Was that phrase to be confined to residential addresses? Free of authority his Lordship had no doubt that it should not be so confined.

of the rules such as Order 6, rule 5 made it clear that where the draftsman of the rules wished to confine the address to a party's place of residence he did so in express terms and that the same was true where the draitsman intended to refer to a business

Second, in the case of a professional person, the address known to the erstwhile client who person would be the address at which he practised his profession. cerned with delivery of the copy writ to the person having the management or control of the Next, there were a some authorities which supported a purposive partnership business at its princonstruction of the rules, albeit those were not authorities on cipal place of business. The terms of that rule could not

The present case was stronger shed any light on the meaning of "usual or last known address" in use the phrase was "usual or last known address". When a solicitor was being sued as a solicitor, his usual address as a Order 10, rule 1(2). The terms of a rule which was concerned with partners could not control the solicitor must be the address at interpretation of a rule which affected service on persons who That would probably be the only were not partners.

address known to the person who There was no need for Order 81. rule 3(1)(b) to have been worded wished to serve the writ. That, in his Lordship's judgment, was the according to Lord Justice Leggatt's ordinary and natural meaning of interpretation.

Order 8i, rule 3(1)(b) was not concerned with service on a part-ner but on a person who managed or controlled the partnership business at its principal place of That rule was quite separate

from service on one or more marmers". It was an additional thod of service to those set out in Order 10, rule 1, It was not intended to limit or cut down the methods of service under Order 10.

Consequently, in his Lordship's judgment, it did not follow from the wording of Order 81, rule 3(1)(b) that the words in Order 10, rule 1(2) Tusual or last known address must be confined to a partner's place of residence.

place of residence.

Were their Lordships bound by Marsden? In his Lordship's judgment they were not. The observations of Lord Justice Leggatt on the interpretation of "usual or last known address" were not nec-essury to the decision in that case. Accordingly, the appeal succeeded. Mr Justice Connell agreed.

Solicitors: Judge Sykes & Harri-son for Palmer Hart, Bristol; Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave for Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave,

Council not liable to victim of its crime

Hackney London Borough Council v Issa and Another Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice

Brooke (Judgment November 20)

A local authority that committed a criminal offence under Part III (Nuisances and Offensive Trades) of the Public Health Act 1936 was not liable in a civil action for

who had thereby suffered loss.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Hackney London Borough Council from Mr Assistant Recorder Crawford on August 17, 1995, in Central London County Court who ordered it to pay damages of £3.562 to the plaintiff, Imran Issa, and of £4.630 to his brother, Yasin Issa.

Mr Richard Drabble, OC and Mr lan Lewis for the council; Ms Laura Tagliavini for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the question was whether section 94 of the 1936 Act (Power of court to make nuisance order if shatement natice disregarded) by making it a criminal offence to make default in complying with the notice, also rendered the person guilty of the offence liable in a civil action for damages at the suit of any person who thereby suffered

In 1985 the plaintiffs' parents had been granted a tenancy of council accommudation at the London. The plaintiffs were then aged nine and seven. premises, severely affected with condensation and associated mould growth, were prejudicial to

In June 1989 the council pleaded guilty before magistrates to an offence under sections 92(1)(a) and 49 of the 1936 Act and was fined £500 with compensation of £1,400 and costs awarded to the plaintiffs'

In 1992 the plaintiffs brought the action against the council claiming damages for ill-health allegedly suffered as a result of the condition of the premises, in particular through the aggravation of the asthma from which they both

The assistant recorder decided, as a preliminary issue, that the criminal offence for which the council had been convicted rendered it liable for any loss or damage thereby suffered by the plaintiffs. He had then proceeded with the trial and awarded the the damages

It was important to emphasise that Part III of the 1936 Act, now replaced by Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, was of wide and incouent application as between local authorities as regulatory bodies on the one hand and those who caused suffered or permitted statutory nuisances to occur on the other, whereas the circumstances of the precent case. where it was a local authority as

landlord who was responsible for

the nuisance, had to be comparatively rare. However, if the 1936 Act gave the plaintiffs a civil remedy against the council. it had equally to give one

to all those who suffered loss or damage as a result of statutory nuisances caused, suffered or permitted in the far more numerassuming that they did not already have a cause of action at common It was common ground that the

question depended on the true construction of Part III of the 1936 Act as a whole and that it was to be construed as at the date of its enaciment.

However Mr Drabble, citing dicta of Lord Diplock in Lonrho Lid v Shell Petroleum Co Lid (No 2) ([1982] AC 173, 183G, 185B-C) and Halsbury's Laws of England (volume 45 (1985) paragraph 1285), submitted that Part III of the 1936 Act was a self-contained code dealing with the abatement of statutory nuisances and that there was no ground for construing it so as to incorporate the creation of a civil cause of action.

He added that since this was not a case where the only method of enforcement provided by the Act was prosecution for the criminal offence of failure to perform the statutory obligation, the two excep-tions to the general rule stated by

(86) could not come into play.

Those submissions were correct. In answering them Ms Tagliavini. relying primarily on the judgment of Lord Justice Shaw in McCall v Abelesz (1976) QB 585, 600), said. correctly, that the plaintiffs had no other effective remedy: the implied covenant that the landlord would keep the premises in a condition lit human habitation, for the reasons stated by Lord Justice Lawton in Quick v Taff Ely Borough Council (1986) 1 QB 809.

821) not applying. Moreover, Ms Tagliavini said, that covenant would have enured only for the benefit of the parents as tenants and not for the plaintiffs

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Notwithstanding the force of those submissions, there were decisive answers to them.

First, the effect of Part III of the 1936 Act had to be judged at the date of its enactment, before the inflationary times which had since become familiar when the land. lord's implied covenant would have applied to those premises and to many like them.

Second, it was to be emphasised again that the court was not dealing with the normal case. In the normal case where a local authority was proceeding against someone who had caused, suffered or permitted a statutory nuisance to occur, those who sufferred loss or damage as a result would have a cause of action at common law.

For those reasons, Ms Tagliavini's reliance on the third of Lord Justice Shaw's conditions laid down in McCall v Abelest did not enable her to avoid the force of Mr Drabble's submissions. Furthermore, she had been un-

able to satisfy the second condition or to bring the case within the first exception to the general rule laid down by Lord Diplock in Lonhro. The appeal should be allowed: the award of damages and interest discharged and the plaintiffs' ac-

Lord Justice Saville agreed and Lord Justice Brooke gave a concurring judement.

Solicitors: Mr Christopher Hyde. Hackney; Moss & Co.

Car owner liable for illegal parking by garage otherwise than as authorised by or "(4) The grounds are — (a) that the

Regina v Parking Adjudica-tor, Ex parte Wandsworth London Borough Council Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Morritt and Sir John

[Judgment November 1] The registered owner of a vehicle at the time a penalty charge notice was fixed to it under the Road Traffic Act 1991 and not the garage then having the care of the vehicle was liable for the charge.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the applicant, Wandsworth London Borough Council, from the refusal by Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Schiemann and Mr. Justice Brian Smedley) (The Times July 22, 1996) of judicial review of a parking adjudicator's

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allowed an appeal by Jane Francis against two penalty charge notices which had been served on her under Schedule 6 to the 1991 Act. At the relevant times the vehicle was in a garage for repairs and had

been parked by the garage. When the garage returned the vehicle to Ms Francis no mention was made of the notices and they remained unpaid. After inquiries to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, the council served the notices on Ms Francis as the registered owner of the vehicle. She appealed.

Section 66 of the 1991 Act provides: "(2) A penalty charge is payable with respect to a vehicle, by the owner of the vehicle, if — (a) the vehicle has been left — (i)

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under any order relating to the designated parking place..."

Section 82 provides: "(2) ... the owner of a vehicle shall be taken to be the person by whom the vehicle

"(3) In determining ... who was the owner of a vehicle at any time. it shall be presumed that the owner was the person in whose name the was at that time

Paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 provides: "(I) Where it appears to the recipient [of a penalty charge notice] that one or other of the grounds mentioned in sub-paragraph (4) below are satisfied, he may make representations to that effect to the London authority who served the notice on him. . .

recipient - (i) never was the owner of the vehicle in question; (ii) had ceased to be its owner before the date on which the alleged contravention occurred; or (iii)

became its owner after that

which he practised.

In Marsden, Lord Justice Leggant had said (at p242): "If service by post or insertion through the letter-box is chosen it

must be effected at his usual or last known address. In my judg-ment that means at the place

where he lives or was last known to

have lived.
"It did not mean at the address

of the partnership, otherwise Order 81, rule 3 would have been

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of the parmership within the jurisdiction. The mode of service

attempted was, in my judgment,

His Lordship disagreed with that interpretation of the rules.

Order 81, rule 3(1)(a) contemplated

that service on any one or more partners under Order 10, rule 1 of a

writ naming the partnership by its

business name was to be deemed

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Order 81, rule 3(1)(b) was not

concerned with service on a part-

ner or with delivery of the copy writ to a partner, still less with

placing an envelope through the letter-box of a pariner's usual or

Mr Afan Wilkie, QC and Mr Ranjit Bhose for the applicant; Mr Richard Gordon, QC, for the parking adjudicator.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the "owner" of a vehicle, for present purposes, was defined by section 82(2) as the person by whom the vehicle was kept, and that person, by section 82(3), was presumed to be the person in whose name the vehicle was at the time registered under

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the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

The approach of the parking adjudicator to the case was to regard the question of who was the mer as one of fact and degree. In the circumstances, the adjudicator reached the conclusion, which was upheld by the Divisional Court, that the garage, and not Ms Francis, was the owner liable for the penalty charge.

Mr Wilkie submitted that the

presumption of ownership in section 82(3) of the 1991 Act could only be rebutted in the ways mentioned in paragraph 2(4)(a) of Schedule 6 to the Act. In his Lordship's view. that was the correct approach.

Accordingly, a garage which accepted a vehicle for repair was

not its owner within the meaning section 82(2) of the Act. His Lordship would allow the appeal. Lord Justice Morritt and Sir Solicitors: Mr M. B. A. Walker.

Wandsworth; Charlotte Axelson,

Haymarket.

Child is not 'property'

Regina v Baker and Another For the purposes of the defence of lawful excuse under section l(l) of the Criminal Damage Act 1971, it was not just the protection of property, but also the protection of the person from force, injury or imprisonment which should be

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Brooke, Mr Justice McCullough and Judge Rivlin, QC) so held on October 17 in a reserved judgment dismissing

appeals against conviction by Ja-net Baker and Carl Wilkins, who since the offences in question had married one another, of criminal

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said that the appellants had, inter alia. a house where the appellants daughter was being held, in order

His Lordship said that the child did not represent "property"

5(2)(b) of the 1971 Act, but that difficulty would have been cleared had Parliament enacted the relevant provisions of the Law Commission's Draft Criminal Code ((1989) Law Com No 177). namely clause 185(1)(b) and the note to that clause, to the effect that section 5(2)(b) should be replaced with a clause providing that not only protection of property but also the protection of the person should be permitted as a defence.

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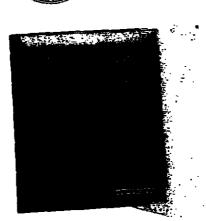
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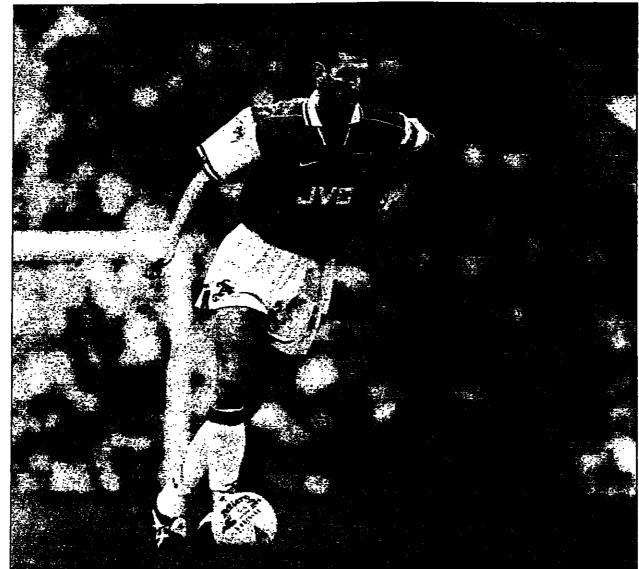
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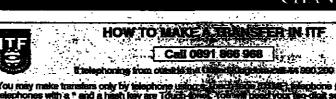
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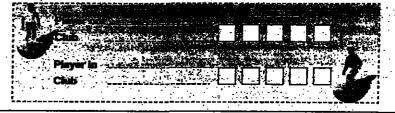
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Clarke takes steam out of Euro row

Kenneth Clarke bought the Government time over Europe when he told MPs that he would seek copper-bottomed guarantees that Brussels would not interfere in the British economy if it did not join a single currency.

The Chancellor also promised that no binding political decisions would be taken by finance ministers meeting in Dublin on Monday, and that the Commons would hold an extended debate on the new currency next month ... Pages 1, 9

British drivers mount their own blockade

■ British lorry drivers trapped in Calais by their striking French counterparts mounted a counter-blockade, insisting that no tourist traffic would be allowed to move until they were allowed to leave. The strikers intensified their protest by blockading ports and the German borderPages 1, 10

Extradition plea

The eldest daughter of Bernadette McAliskey, the former nationalist MP, is facing extradition to Germany on charges connected to an IRA attack..... Advertising risk

The president of the Royal Coll-

ege of Surgeons is accusing the

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General Medical Council of jeopardising health-care by allowing

Divers called in A specialist diving team was flown to the Comoros Islands to retrieve the remaining bodies from the wreckage of the hijacked

Ethiopian Airlines jet.. Pages 1. 6 Whitehall hotel

A scheme to convert a former Treasury building into a hotel overlooking Whitehall came under fierce criticism from MPs who were worried about terroristPage 2

Airline libel case

A former public relations manager for British Airways began a libel action over claims that he is a liar who masterminded a smear campaign against Virgin ...Page 3

Urban sprawl More than 14,000 acres of rural Cambridgeshire could disappear under new housing by 2016 unless more development is redi-

Books dispute

The French publishers of Ben Okri's novel The Famished Road are scrutinising a book which won the Grand Prix du Roman de L'Académie Française after similarities between the books were discoveredPage 5

Blasphemy ruling

Britain won the rare backing of European human rights judges, for using its ancient blasphemy laws to ban an erotic film about a loth-century nun

Britain needed A single currency "would not be

desirable or convenient" without Britain's full participation, José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, said Man for Belarus

The President of Belarus celebrated his landslide victory in Sunday's referendum which, in effect, granted the leader one-man rule into the next century Page 11

Zaire delay criticised

France criticised the international community for failing to decide whether to send a multinational force to Zaire to help to rescue thousands of refugees Page 12 **Hillary Clinton role**

Hillary Clinton is seeking a leading role in plans to overhaul the United States welfare system, in a sharp reversal of the waliflower part she has played for the past

Millennium 'will blot out the stars'

plans to illuminate hundreds of buildings will intensify light pollution and blot out the night sky for millions. The children of the next millennium were being condemned never to see the stars, John Mason of the British Astronomical Society told a conference in London



Striking French lorry drivers demonstrate at the Calais terminal where they are blockading entry to the cross-Channel ferries. Page I

BUSINESS

Navy: The Rosyth Royal Dockyard has been bought by Babock after Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, ordered the relitting of some of the Royal Navy's most important

Trams: Amey and Sir Robert McAlpine won the £175 million contract to build the Croydon Tramlink system and said they will bid for similar transportation proposals... ..Page 25

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Football: Jay Notley of Charlton

Athletic faces a lengthy ban after being found positive for a cocktail of drugs, including cocaine, cannabis and ecstasy..... Page 48 Rugby union: Victor Ubogu has

been recalled to England's squad for the match against the New Zealand Barbarians and could resume his international career if Jason Leonard is unfit Page 48 Motor railying: Armin Schwarz, of

Germany, won the RAC Rally from Masao Kaimoka, of Japan, by nearly eight minutes, the biggest margin since 1983..... Page 48 Athletics: The British federation is so hard up that it will not be sending a full squad to the European cross country championships in Belgium next month Page 48

Star-studded: Lorna Luft headed a glittering transatlantic line-up at the Albert Hall for a tribute to Ira Gershwin. ...Page 32

Star-free: "The challenge was to extract from the material what comedy exists while making a film bereft of stars": Matt Wolf talks about making Roddy Doyle's The ...Page 33

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Sawdust smell: Why does an Oxford graduate run away to join the circus? Neil Stroud tells how she became a ringmistress...... Page 15

Children in need: Gone are the days when adoption agencies had beautiful babies on their books. What is needed are ways to deal with traumatised children. Page 14 Foreign body: "Sometimes I think it has eyes," says a patient with 'alien hand syndrome'. "It's almost like it knows where it's going. It is working for destruction"... Page 14

Legal breek-ins: Proposals for the police to bug private premises threaten civil libertiesPage 35 Second opinion: If the punishment for a crime appears unduly lenient, the Attorney-General may refer the case for re-sentencingPage 37

Everywhere one looks there are reminders of the fabulous decade, from fashion to pop music. Even the same British rock groups which dominated the Sixties are back, with anthologies and re-releases from the Beatles, the Who, Rod Stewart and the Rolling Stones. But the world should be producing exions and music for the 21st century rather than just re-creating a lost

Preview: An answer to disruptive children? Network First: Breaking the Cycle (FTV, 10.40pm). Review. Lynne Truss on cases of misdiagnosis ...

Safety Valve

Even now, after all the fuss, there will be only an "extended" adjournment debate on the single currency, A subject that will be much more important to Britain's long-term future than the Budget deserves better than that Page 17

The Anglican agenda

The Church of England must address more than internal administration if it wants to restore its proper standing...

Hopes and homes

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A steadying hand from the strong - the solvent taxpayer - will save that taxpayer in a few years' time from having to pay thousands more in health costs, prison costs, and the expense of policing dirty and dangerous cities Page in

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The shrewder members of the Shadow Cabinet well understand the strains that a Labour Government would face over a smale currency Page 9

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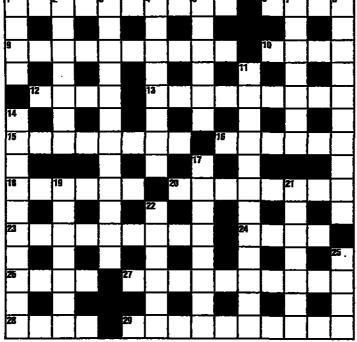
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Winter gleaming: Grace Bradberry on . the subtle new glamour of gold

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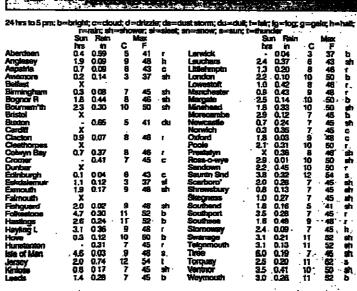
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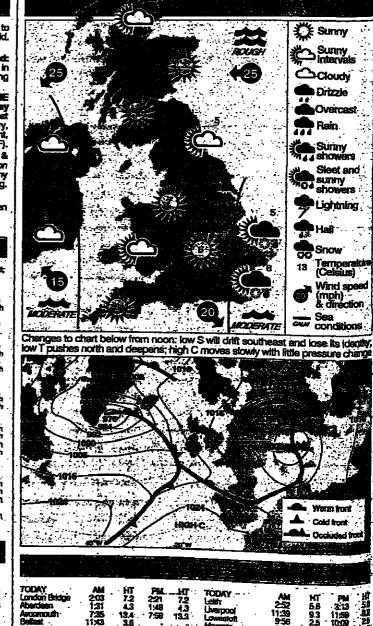
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hour meeting yesterday to press on with its timetable for There had been calls for the transition period to be extended to September 1997. CrestCo claimed the proportion of UK equities settling in Crest had risen from 25 per cent to 40 per cent since November 6, while the

time had increased from 60 per cent to 70 per cent. However, this falls short of per cent of trades to schedule. Mr Iain Saville, CrestCo chief executive, said: "After balancing the costs against the risks, we decided it best to go on. It is in the entire

market's interests that the transition period is complet-ed as quickly as possible." The decision followed a meeting last Friday with the Securities and Investments Board, the City regulator, and the London Stock Exchange which decided to support CrestCo, despite opposition to the timetable

from a quarter of their members.

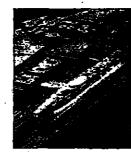


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eve of **Budget**

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS -CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S financial markets were in buoyant mond on the eve of what most investors hope will be an economically pro-dent rather than a politically eye catching Budget. Sterling was caught up in the pre-Budget optimism, but most of its strength yesterday was down to a slide in the mark, which was struggling to maintain its ground after the liva's re-

entry into the European exchange-rate mechanism. The lira's acceptance after difficult and protracted weekend negotiations raised fears that an eventual single currency might not be as stable as its chitects had envisaged.

The pound jumped to its highest level against the mark for 32 months and, in spite of slipping back a little, still closed nearly two plennigs higher. On its effective index against a basket of currencies, sterling finished at 92.8, compared with 92.5 on Friday.

that interest rates will have to increase in the coming months to dampen the strengthening consumer sector of the economy.

A give-away Budget would only reinforce the argument for higher rates and further strengthen the pound. Some economists believe that even a tight Budget would still leave the pound on a rising trend because rates would still have to go up.

But John Shepperd, chief economist of Yamaichi International Europe, said that caution today from Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, might subdue the current appetite for the pound.

He said that the markets were currently pricing in base rates of 7.25 per cent by the end of next year; compared with 6 per cent now, which is more pessimistic than most economists. A tight Budget might persuade the mar-kets to scale back these

The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares added to Friday's dramatic gains, jumping a further 35.9 pints to close at 4,054.6. It is now within striking distance of its record of 4,073.2 set on October 21. Government bonds

that Mr Clarke will restrict

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minimum, more or less matching any tax cuts with spending reductions. On reentry to the ERM, ly railied up to its new central rate of 990 to the mark and then above it. In late trading, the Italian currency was quoted at 989.80 to the mark.

Buoyant Rosyth saved by £500m market mood on Order on sale to Babcock

By Michael Evans, depende correspondent

THE sale of Rosyth Royal Dockyard was finally agreed yesterday and firm orders for refitting some of the Royal Navy's most prestigious warships was an-nounced by Michael Portillo,

the Defence Secretary. After two and a half years of tough negotiations with the Ministry of Defence, Babcock International, which has managed the dockvard since 1987. concluded an agreement for the purchase of Rosyth, estimated to be worth more than £25 million. The guaranteed refitting work, which will last ten years, will be worth at least E500 million, helping to safeguard the 3,200 jobs at Rosyth.

Mr Portillo, in Scotland for the announcement, named four of the warships to be refitted at Rosyth. They are HMS Invincible and HMS Ark Royal, both aircraft carriers, and two nuclear-powered hunter killer submarines, HMS Sceptre and HMS Spartan. Other warships will

be included in the deal. Mr Portillo said the sale of Rosyth to Babcock would generate savings of about £100 million over ten years. MoD sources said the significant savings were anticipated because Babcock would now have the Bexibility, as the owner, to take an other work

and become more competitive.

Mr Portillo said the deal, expected to be formally signed by Christmas, represented good value for money. It would also help, he said; to secure a long-term future for Rosyth. The dockyard currently has annual sales of more

than £200 million. The future ownership of the rival Devonport Royal Dockyard, managed by DML, has yet to be resolved. Equally long negotiations with the MoD have been continuing into its sale, although the MoD sources said they expected a deal to be announced before the end of February next year. The sale price will be considerably more than

DML also has to complete negotiations for the contract to

been under way since the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate and the MoD's own regulatory body revised nuclear safety criteria about

two years ago The result was that DML had to bring forward its modernisation of the yard, adding to the cost of the development programme. One of the arguments delaying the contract agreement has been whether the MoD should contribute towards the additional costs.

The Trident contract and the sale of Devonport are intimately linked. The contract for relitting the Trident submarines and the other Royal Navy nuclear-powered submarines will be worth up to £5 billion. Although Rosyth has been

given two more nuclear submarine refits, the contracts on HMS Sceptre and HMS last, because the MoD wants all nuclear refits to be concentrated at Devonport. When Devonport beat Rosyth for the contract to refit the Trident submarines in a

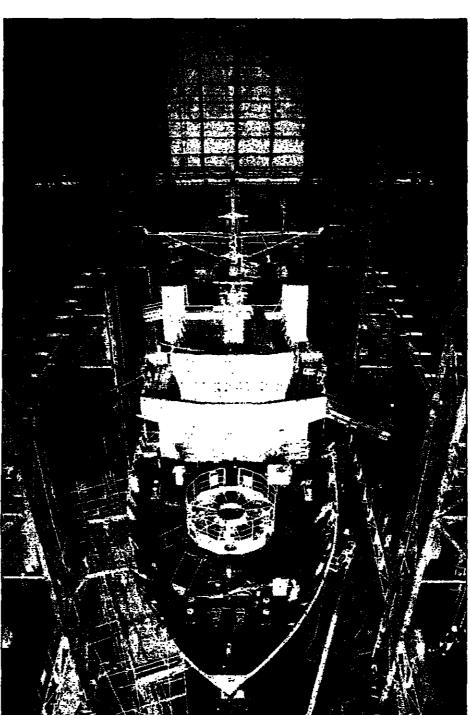
politically charged competition, in which jobs and votes were alleged to have played a significant part, the future of the Firth of Forth yard appeared to be in doubt.

However, the Government announced that Rosyth would be given a proportion of future

Now, with yesterday's confirmation that two carriers and two nuclear submarines are to be on the list for relit work, Rosyth has been given a new lease of life, which should provide employment stability for the area for the next ten

Allan Smith, managing director of Babcock International's Facilities Management Division, which has been managing Rosyth, welcomed the privatisation deal. He said the yard had achieved significant improvements in relitting

man at the dockyard, said: "It is a good day for Rosyth. At refit Trident nuclear subma-rines. Complex talks have secure our own future." least we have a chance to



No longer anchored to the state, Rosyth dockyard aims to become more competitive

Takeover Panel looks at Northern bidder

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

stalking Northern Electric, is Takeover Panel as it mounts a massive telephone campaign to contact small shareholders at their homes.

Northern Electric has lodged complaint with the panel, after reports that representatives of CE Electric were not identifying themselves correctly in phone calls to shareholders' homes. Small shareholders of the regional electricity company have complained of harassment from CE Electric, the US grouping in which Cal-Energy is the majority partner.

CE Electric is calling shareholders at home in order, it says, to check their shareholdings and that they have received information relating to the £766 million bid. Its representatives are sifting through telephone directories to discover home numbers. having obtained shareholders' addresses from share registers.

A spokesman for CE Electric said the procedure was perfectly legal. He said the company would continue calling share holders' home numbers. About 80,000 individual in-

vestors with fewer than 1,000 shares account for 20 per cent Northern's equity. Chris Foote Wood, chairman of the Northern Electric Small Shareholders Association, said: "Many of the small shareholders are elderly, retired and shareholders for the first time. A lot of them have found these telephone calls harassing. They don't like being called at home when they have all the information they need." Northern said it had received a stream of

complaints from shareholders. The Takeover Panel is obliged to investigate complaints made during takeovers. The Office of Fair Trading is considering whether the bid should be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Yesterday Northern shares

stood at 5932p. The bid was made at 630p.

Search starts for new head | Amey and McAlpine win of Serious Fraud Office

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Serious Fraud Office able to Parliament for an today begins its formal search annual budget of £17 million. for a replacement to George Staple; the country's top fraudbuster, whose five-year contract ends in April. Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, has placed a newspaper advertisement offering the successful candidate "the

salary of a High Court judge".

The advertisement spells out the brief to Mr Staple's replacement as "very much the public face of the SFO. liaising among others with the police, City regulators and enforcement agencies, both here and abroad. The successful candidate will manage the SFO as well as be answer- tion, including the Sumitomo

during Mr Staple's tenure. Mr Staple, 56, more than halved his pay when he joined the SFO in April 1992 from Clifford Chance, a City law firm, where he was senior litigation partner. This year the Queen appointed him a Companion, Order of the Bath

for his period in office. During his time at the SFO Mr Staple has introduced farreaching reforms to the way in which cases of serious and complex fraud are investigated. The fraud office has more than 80 cases under investiga-

copper affair and Peter Young, the former Morgan Grenfell fund manager who looked after two of the group's Euro-

pean unit trusts. Aside from any "developed legal skills" that the advertisement calls for, Mr Staple's replacement will need broad shoulders. Mr Staple has had to answer critics on the collapse of two Maxwell trials and the acquittal of George Walker, former head of the Brent Walker group. He was grilled over the sentencing of Roger Levitt, the failed insurance salesman, who received community service after a plea-bargain went wrong for the SFO.

£175m Tramlink contract

By Eric Reguly an expected revival of tram

systems. "They have all the attributes of being environ-

AMEY and Sir Robert McAlpine yesterday won the £175 million contract to build the Croydon Tramlink sys-tem, one of the first projects of its kind since trams disappeared in the London area in the early 1950s, and the two construction companies said they will bid for similar transport projects in other cities.

Amey and McAlpine, through a joint venture, will design, construct and maintain the 17-mile light rail network, which will link Croydon, Wimbledon, Beckenham and New Addington when completed in late 1999. Neil Ashley, Amey chair-

man, said the project marked

mentally friendly and help relieve traffic conjestion." said. Amey plans to bid for tram construction projects in Birmingham, Leeds and Liverpool when they are offered. John Bowis, Transport Minister, predicted that trams would be running in London again by the turn of the century. The last ones, doubledeckers, disappeared in London in 1952.

Amey shares rose 124p, to 36712p, within striking distance of their 52-week high of 370p. Shareholders have supported Amey's transition from

road construction and maintenance to non-traditional markets such as light rail systems and facilities management.

The Croydon Tramlink scheme is part of the Government's private finance initia-tive. The Government will grant £125 million towards the project's total cost. Tramtrack Croydon, the consortium that includes Amey, McAlpine, Centrewest, 3i, Royal Bank of Scotland and Bombardier, is putting up the rest of the funds in exchange for the 99year concession to run the network. Bombardier, the Canadian train maker, is supplying 22 double-length coaches valued at about £35 million.

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Shares in Applied Holo-graphics fell 1712p to a 12month low of 69p as the watermark company blamed problems with a new machine for an operating loss of £213,000, down from £64,000 profit, in the half year to September 30.

The company said that it was now trading profitably. Again there is no

Cobham buys

Cobham, the UK aerospace engineer, has bought Continental Microwave and Tool Co, a US maker of microwave communication waveguides, for a profit-related sum of up to \$14.4 million.

Network up

Network Technology. the computer connectivity specialist, made pre-tax profits of £3.33 million for the year to September 30, up from £1.08 million last time and slightly ahead of July's flotation prospectus forecast. There is a maiden final dividend of 0.5p.

Adare ahead

Adare, the printing group operating in the Irish Republic and the UK, lifted pre-tax profits 28 per cent. to IrE5.2 million, in the half year to October 31. The interim dividend is It3.12p. up 50 per cent.

TOURIST RATES



Charles Parker, right, new chief executive of Toad, the car security company, with Chris Evans, its founder, when Toad yesterday announced a £1.4 million deal with Mercedez-Benz. Mercedes has agreed to market Secur-Fix, Toad's triple-laminate film that protects windows against break-ins and, in accidents, holds in broken glass

UK flexible jobs policy not working, says UN

THE Government's policy of greater labour market flexibility will today be criticised by a United Nations report that has estimated world unem-ployment at 1 billion.

The UN's International Labour Office (ILO), which wants to see economic strategies aimed at producing full employment, describes the world jobs market as grim. It also gives warning that the growing numbers in work but poor risks aggravating problems caused by high levels of

By Sarah Cunningham

FILOFAX put on a brave face

yesterday, raising its interim

dividend by 11 per cent in spite

of a 30 per cent fall in profits.

Robin Field, chief executive.

attributed the dividend rise to

a fall in borrowings and

"confidence in the future".

UK ministers are likely to standards. Such a link would reject the findings of the ILO's centre on the ILO. latest World Employment Re-

workforce, about 1 billion

people, are unemployed or

ministerial meeting in Singa-pore next month, when the UK

will argue strongly against

US-backed efforts to link

world trade deals to interna-

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Destocking hurts Filofax

lion, down from £2.9 million.

big customer, hit UK profits

and will have an impact in the

second half, but profits in the

period should be no less than

at the same time last year. Filo-

fax said. The dividend rises to

Pre-tax profit in the half year ings per share fell from 7.4p to shares closed 8p up, at 146 2p. | 97. ILO. London, E18.90

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The study comes at a sensi-

underemployed.

The UK Government has part, which says that about 30 per cent of the world's emphasised the importance of deregulating the labour market in order to improve economic competitiveness. However, in the second of a regular series of employment studies, tive time: the World Trade Organisation holds its first the ILO today says that there is no basis for believing that job regulations are necessarily a source of rigidity in the

Indeed, the ILO goes further, endorsing the idea of raising labour productivity

4.8p. Borrowings were £2 million (£4.4 million).

ing in July, when its shares fell 40 per cent, to 165p. Mr Field said that the market for

its products is now "healthy

and vigorous", with signs of

buoyant consumer interest at

Filofax gave a profit warn-

through investment in skills development, infrastructure, and research and development. Such views are closely in line with those put forward

in the UK by Labour. The UK Government also largely rejects full employment as an economic target. The ILO, however, says that "nothing short of a renewed international commitment to full employment is required to reverse the poverty, unemployment and underemployment" around the world.

Rejecting theories about the end of work, the ILO acknowledges the impact of corporate downsizing, but says that "compensatory" job creation emphasised. Far from being outmoded, full employment is feasible and desirable, says the UN study: "The current high unemployment in industrialised countries has human costs of the utmost severity . . breeds crime and other social pathologies from which everyone in society suffers." 1.5p, from 1.35p, although earn- the top of the market. Filofax | World Employe

Alcopops rivalry bites into **Two Dogs**

By Alasdair Murray

THE BATTLE for the booming alcopops market hit interim profits at Merrydown, the drinks company, as its Two Dogs brand lost market share

Shares of the company fell 8½p, to 100p, against a 1996 high of 140p, with the City worried that sales will suffer further if the Government imposes a punitive tax on alcopops in today's Budget.

Profits fell to £670,000, from fl.16 million last year, al-though turnover rose 5 per cent, to f19.41 million, boosted by a strong growth in branded ciders. Merrydown's share of the total cider market rose from 4 per cent to 4.7 per cent, helped by its trading links with Whitbread, but its share of the alcopop market was halved, to around 15 per cent.

Richard Purdey, chairman, said that about 90 new prod-ucts had been launched in the alcopop market during the year. The profit contribution from alcopops was also hit by a high marketing spend and the need to discount end-ofrange Two Dogs stock ahead of the launch of a new fruit brews and spirits.

Profits from Pulse, the white cider brand, were reduced by £100,000 because of the need to buy in high-cost, imported apple juice concentrate to cover increased demand and a

late UK apple crop.

The City is predicting that the tax on alcopops could be increased by as much as 25 per cent in the Budget. Alcopops producers have been heavily criticised by politicians for encouraging under-age drink-ers. But Mr Purdey said that the industry had tightened its self-regulation and a punitive tax would make a mockery of recent moves towards taxing alcoholic drinks on the basis of strength.

Merrydown said that overall prospects for the company's ciders remain good. It was confident the new range of Two Dogs drinks, and a marketing spend of around £750,000 in the second half, would ensure the brand remains a significant player. The interim dividend was increased by 5 per cent, to 2.1p a share, payable December 24.

Homeloans Direct banner.

NHL hopes to reduce depen-

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AEA held back by costs of flotation

AEA TECHNOLOGY, the nuclear waste and decommissioning business, blamed the costs of its recent flotation for the £5. million charge that held back its debut half-year results. While operating profits were 18.5 per cent ahead, at £6.4 million, one-off charges cut pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 from E5.3 million to E1.2 million. While sales to the UK Atomic Energy Authority continued to fall sharply. new business from the private sector and overseas enabled AEA's group turnover to edge higher, to £111.8 million.

Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, said that AEA was looking for acquisitions, while Peter Watson, chief executive, said that the technology services sector was "pretty immature" and in need of consolidation. AEA aims to increase its profit margins to 10 per cent in the next two or three years. It made 7.8 per cent last year: New orders grew 13 per cent to £165.6 million. The company will pay a first interim dividend of 2.75p a share on February 3. Tempus, page 28

Vodafone calls Ericsson

VODAFONE, the mobile-phone company, has placed a \$330 million order for communications equipment from \$330 million order for communications equipment from Ericsson, the Swedish electronics group. Under the three-year contract, one of its largest equipment purchases, Vodafone will buy equipment to build virtual private networks, high-speed data services and messaging and indoor radio coverage. The purchases are part of Vodafone's strategy of creating advanced networks for compressed instruments.

Inn Business buys rival

INN BUSINESS, the independent public house operator. yesterday took a big step towards achieving its ambition of building a 600-strong pub estate with the £30.2 million purchase of Sycamore Taverns, a rival group. The company will use a rights issue to raise £15.8 million to help to pay for the acquisition. New shares will be offered on a 5-for-11 basis at 63.5p a share. Sycamore Taverns owns 216 tenanted pubs in central and southern England. Inn Business has 277 tenanted and 17 managed pubs.

Skandia in merger

SKANDIA, the insurance company based in Stockholm, is merging with Stadshypotek, Sweden's largest mortgage bank. The move will create one of the largest financial institutions in the Nordic region to be known as Skandia Stadshypotek. Stadshypotek has an almost 30 per cent share of the Swedish mortgage market and about 600,000 customers. Skandia has a market share of 20 per cent of non-life insurance business in Sweden by premium income and about 28 per cent market share of life and long-term savings products.

Action Time for Carlton

CARLTON COMMUNICATIONS yesterday took full control of Action Time, which produces and licenses television game shows and other enterangement programmes, for £3.45 million in shares and cash. Carlton already owned 15 per cent of it. The deal came three days after Cariton became the largest independent commercial broadcaster, reaching 38 per cent of the population, by agreeing to pay £85 million for Westcountry. Television, the ITV company in Devon and Cornwall.

IMI buys US firm

IMI, the international engineering group, is expanding its fluid power group by acquiring ISI Automation in the US for \$150 million. ISI makes pneumatic components for automated material handling systems and is a leading supplier to the automotive industry. The company made operating profits of \$15.6 million in 1995, on sales of \$99 million. The acquisition. to be funded from existing bank facilities, is expected to enhance earnings in 1997. IMI shares rose 8p. to 364p.

Field strategy pays off

FIELD GROUP, the packaging company, increased pre-tax profits to £10.5 million from £9.1 million in the six. months to September 30 on turnover that improved to £108.5 million from £97.3 million. Earnings rose to 13.3p a share from 11.5p. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.1p a share from 2.8p. Frank Knight, chairman, said the benefits of record investment in the previous year would become increasingly evident over the coming months.

Marling interim halved

MARLING INDUSTRIES, the industrial textiles group, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £920,000 from £2.48 million in the half year to September 30. Earnings fell to 0.07p a share from 0.83p and the interim dividend is cut to 0.12p a share from 0.25p. Paddy Linaker, chairman, said the company had experienced difficult trading conditions worldwide during the past six months. Turnover increased by six per cent to £34.4 million from £32.5 million.

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Recovery continues at NHL with £18m

By ROBERT MILLER

tinued its recovery, reporting a 20 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £18.1 million in the year to the end of September. There is a final dividend of 1.3p. due on February 3, which lifts the total to 2.4p (lp). Loss provisions fell EI.4 million to £9.4 million. NHL has restructured its business portfolio into four key areas. These include the old centralised mortgage lending book, rebranded the Old Mortgage

NATIONAL Home Loans

(NHL), the mortgage and

consumer lending group, condence on home loans by making a big push in the corporate and employee car finance mar-ket with the recent purcasde of RCR Contract Hire, and leasing and consumer finance. through Auto Finance Direct. Jonathan Perry, chairman, said: This change of emphasis will continue and during the year the group can expect to see a return to asset growth, for the first time since 1991, as the addition of new mortgages and other financial assets exeeds the Portfolio, and its new first residential mortgage business, promoted under the

run-off from the old book." Shares in National Home Loans rose 5p to 1112p.

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porary and expensive reprieve. If that happens, the search will be on for a scapegoat, and the ideal candidate will be the company operating the failed system. Alternatively we could all blame the party that refused to heed warnings and allow a delay in the system's implementation. If they are one and the same, the assignation of blame should be a

foregone conclusion.

CrestCo's view last night, after a board meeting to consider an extension to the transition of shares from Talisman to Crest, was that the process was now sufficiently well advanced that the system was ready for its maiden voyage. As the old joke has it, so was the Titanic. What were described as "inevitable teething problems" showed up in October. The system could not cope with the increased volume of shares now going through Crest, as the stock market's 3,000 stocks were individually transferred across from Talisman, a process that is now about one third of the way through.

Just why the problems

Crest gambles on riding the wave

Some big stockbrokers criticised the software itself, and it is clear there were glitches, probably inevitable for such a complex piece of information technology. CrestCo, jointly owned by the securities industry, suggested that some small brokers experiencing difficulties might have to

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have their transactions re-stricted, once the April deadline came round, to the extent that their own computers coud cope. There were dark mutterings of cheap software and corners cut. The small brokers were dismayed at any action putting them at an even greater dis-advantage to the large City firms. The obvious action was an extension of the transition time-table. But this would not only have meant loss of face, which is cheap enough, but heavy extra costs. The Crest system costs £21 million a year to operate, and this and the expenses of an extended Talisman would have had to be carried by the securities industry. It would have blown a hole through any bud-

gets set up for Crest, which envisage a top cost for im-

plementation of £25 million. Last night's decision seems to have come after a degree of armtwisting from the Securities and Investments Board, Crest's regulator. It is clear the STB has relied on CrestCo's own assurances that the recent improvements in Crest will be maintained.

The judgment has to come from the CrestCo board themselves. If they are right that the improvements since October can be extended, in particular quicker settlement that puts less strain on small brokers' cashflow, the decision to steam ahead is the right one. If not, history will be a harsh judge.

Fighting a losing battle at Emap

DBEFORE Joe Cooke, the former sidekick to Conrad Black at The Telegraph, books his return ticket from Monaco to attend Monday's shareholders' meeting at Emap, he might ponder whether to save the expense. Despite the impassioned arguments but by Mr Cooke and the

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sor Ken Simmonds (who only has to travel two miles from St John's Wood to Covent Garden). and the support of corporate governance lobby group, Pirc, the Emap board will have enough support in its back pocket to turf them off the board with votes to spare.

The second rebellion of Ken and Joe has been quixotic, if not an actual suicide mission. The rebel non-executives had a point when, earlier this year, they opposed Emap's plans to change its articles of association to allow directors to be fired without reference to shareholders. But institutional investors are prag-matic beasts. They looked at a performance that has seen Emap shares outperform the market by years and said, to hell with corporate governance, we do not want to rock this boat.

To take on the board a second time was sheer madness. Never mind that at the famous two-day board meeting in Melton Mowbray last month, Ken and Joe believed they were being fed porkie pies; the institutions had already given carte blanche to Sir John Hoskyns, Emap's chairman, and Robin Miller, the managing director.

Pirc's support for Ken and Joe is principled but faulted. It is concerned that if Mr Miller succeeds Sir John, which will not be until July 1998 anyway, there will be some doubt whether Mr Miller qualifies as an independent chairman. But Pirc's test of independence for non-executives includes asking if they have been on the board for ten years or more. Professor Simmonds (12 years) and Mr Cooke (15 years) clearly do not pass that test. It is all well and good non-

executives speaking their mind. But the Emap EGM has been a waste of time, energy and money. Ken and Joe should simply have resigned making a strong statement of their feelings and dis-appeared back to NWI and the Côte d'Azure respectively.

Cidermakers not looking so rosy

☐ MERRYDOWN is blaming alcoholic lemonades and other spiked soft drinks for a profits set-back. The last to try this trick was Matthew Clark, whose share price disintegrated this summer after claims that drinkers were abandoning cider. Except that it turned out that

problems at Matthew Clark were rather more deep-seated, and a well-regarded executive had to be found to carry the can and fired. Now Merrydown has awoken with a serious hangover. The company, through a tragic historical accident, was the first to bring the stuff to these shores, but sales of its Two Dogs lemonade have been savaged by the competition.

Perhaps there is some justice after all, then. The drinks companies split into two with the arrival of alcopops last year.

Half the industry attacked Two Dogs with lookalikes; the other half drew up their skirts and attacked alcopops for encourag-ing teenage drinking, before deciding they had jumped the wrong way and putting out their own product in due course. The lot of them are now cutting each other's throats.

All we need now, and it looks a racing certainty, is a thumping punitive tax on alcopops in today's Budget. This will make no enemies, apart from a few teenage drinkers who probably have no idea which government is in power anyway, let alone any right to vote yet. It will play well with the health lobby, and allow money to be raised without hitting more traditional drinks such as Scotch and beer. Interesting to see, if the tax arrives, whether any of the producers will have the brass neck to stand up in public and criticise it.

Power of persuasion

☐ THE citizens of Tyneside are being phoned at home by the bidder for their local power company and asked if they have received the offer document. Honest, no more than that. The Takeover Panel is looking into this, and should take a robust line. The antics of the doubleglazing salesman have no place in a contested takeover bid.

AIM boost for Pilat directors

Five directors of Pilat, the software designer based in Israel, will become paper millionaires next month, when the company joins London's Alternative Investment Market at an expected market value of £14.8 million. Michael Zukerman-Shore, chair-man, and Samuel Sattath, who designs its software, holding worth £2.27 miliion. Avigdor Rimmer will-gain a £1.63 million stake. Avi Engel gains a £1.39 million holding, while Benjamin Moneta, managing director, retains a £1 million stake. The company is due to raise £2.2 million from the placing.

Homes up 1%

y just over 1 per cent an sales were up 7 per cent in the third quarter of this year, according to the latest Scottish Housing Index. The figures, produced by the Royal Bank of Scotland and Scottish Homes, show a slowdown in the recovery of the market compared with the second quarter, when prices rose 2 per cent and sales were up 12 per cent.

Highams float

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Highams, the Surrey computer consultancy, is seeking to join AIM through a placing which could value the company at up to £7 £650,000 to fund further

Christian Salvesen investors to share £150m special payout

CHRISTIAN SALVESEN, the distribution company which this summer rejected a £1.1 billion offer from Hays, is to pay its shareholders special dividends totalling £150 million

Salvesen also confirmed its leaked plans to demerge Aggreko, its fast growing hire business that rents out power generators and air conditioning equipment. Investors will receive shares in Aggreko, vhich is worth an estimated £400 million, within the next financiai vear.

Chris Masters, Salvesen hief executive, said the moves

group's transformation from its past as a conglomerate. He said Salvesen was already considering these proposals before the bid approach, but conceded that the intervention of Hays accelerated the timetable.

14.7 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to E51.6 million. Although Dr Masters described the results as "very good". the group made only modest progress in its main logistics division, which was held back by serious difficulties at the Elstree distribution system that supplies J Sainsbury.
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were in keeping with the Aggreko, which increased op-

per cent, to £23.7 million, on sales of £93.1 million (£76.4 million). Aggreko supplied more than 800 pieces of equipment to the Olympic Games in Atlanta. It reported strong Salvesen also announced a demand for its power generators in most regions. Dr Masters said Aggreko's growth had reduced the limited

synergies it enjoyed with the rest of the group. "It's become a big business in its own right," he said. He was unable to say what management changes the demerger would entail.

erating profits more than 30

Salvesen plans to pay two pecial dividends. In addition to an interim payment of 3.8p a of Giant Food in the long term. | million by the end of the share (3.5p) on February 3, it will pay an enhanced interim of 17p a share, costing about £50 million. The other £100 million will be paid by way of a foreign income dividend before the end of next March.

The dividends will lift Salvesen's borrowings to more than its shareholders' funds. However, Dr Masters was comfortable that interest cover will remain in excess of four

The logistics business edged up profits to £23.4 million (£22.8 million) on sales of £256 million. Although it made "excellent progress" with industrial customers, heavy start-up costs cut into profits.

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FirstBus follows acquisition trail

By OLIVER AUGUST

FIRSTBUS, the successor to the Badgerline and GRT bus operators, has driven up pretax profits to £23 million, from £9 million, in the six months to September 30. The money will nelp to fund acquisitions.

Trevor Smallwood, chairman, said: "Our target is to add shareholder value and the large number of acquisition opportunities available to us allows us to pick those that do add value and walk away from those that do not."

operator recently bought Greater Manchester and Strathclyde bus companies and was last week named preferred bidder for the Great Eastern Railway franchise. The former two have suffered problems. The Manchester operations were disrupted by an IRA bomb, the costs of which will reach £

financial year. The Strathclyde acquisition has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Mr Smallwood said that both companies had been trading beyond expectations since their acquisition.

Operating margins on all bus operations rose to 14 per cent (12.5 per cent). The company said it was on track to meet its target of 15 per cent by the end of the financial year. Restructuring and other ex-

ceptional costs were £2.2 million in the half year. The full year charge will be around £7 million. The sale of two properties accounted for most of a realised gain of £1.7 million. An interim dividend of 1.8p (1.6p) a share is payable on February 19, from earnings up from 2.9p to 9.5p a share.

ML in black but shares keep falling

SHARES of ML Laboratories, the healthcare company. fell to a low for the year yesterday in spite of the group having reported substantial profits for the first time (Paul

Durman writes).

Pre-tax profits in the year to September 30 were £5.45 million (£3.4 million loss). The gain was mainly because of £8 million of licence payments receipts, such as those from its kidney dialysis solution and

its asthma drug inhaler. Kevin Leech, chairman, issued an upbeat statement. reporting "good progress and exciting potential". Yet the shares lost 23p to 246 2p. They have fallen heavily since Mr Leech and two other directors sold nearly £70 million of stock at 4000 and above.

ML was pleased with the enthusiasm with which Baxter Healthcare, its licensing Tempus, page 28 | the dialysis solution.



Chris Masters confirmed plans to demerge Aggreko

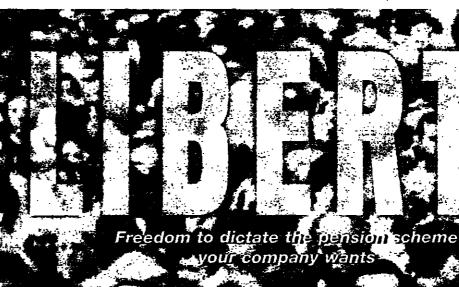
Sainsbury seeks faster US growth

SAINSBURY hopes to speed up expansion of its US supermarket business and may make further acquisitions, according to David Bremner, joint chief executive

(Sarah Cunningham writes). He said that consolidation among US food retailers offers scope to buy regional chains to add on to Shaws, the Sainsbury-owned supermarket chain based in the north east of the country. Any pur chase would be in addition to Sainsbury's plans to open up to 12 Shaws a year.

Earlier this year, Sainsbury bought 12 stores and two sites in the US from Ahold, the Dutch supermarket group.

Mr Bremner said that the relationship with Giant Food, the US store group in which Sainsbury has a 20 per cent stake, is being developed. Ob-servers expect Sainsbury to bid least £1.2 billion for the rest



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Call to fight Emap move on directors

By Jason Nisse

PIRC, the corporate governance lobby group, yesterday recommended that shareholders of Emap, the media group, oppose the board's attempts to oust its two dissident nonexecutive directors, Joe Cooke and Ken Simmonds (See Perinington this page).

isation's recommendation is falling on deaf ears.

It is understood that proxies already sent to Emap indicate a ten-to-one majority in favour of the board's proposal at Monday's extraordinary shareholders' meeting.

The company took its action after the Mr Cooke and Professor Simmonds protested against a change to the articles of association to allow the board to sack fellow directors without consulting share-

holders. Although the change was approved by shareholders earlier this year, Mr Cooke and Professor Simmonds continued their protests.

Anne Simpson, a director of Pirc, said: "If independent directors cannot register their

issue, there is not a lot of point having them."

The organisation has surveyed 129 leading companies and found that fewer than one in ten have clauses similar to those brought in by Emap. It argued that fear of removal would compromise the independence of



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JLI Group to close Tee Gee JLI GROUP, the food process-

ing and snacks firm, is to close Tee Gee Snacks, its loss-making subsidiary, which processes and packs nuts sold under supermarket own labels. The closure will mean the loss of about 90 jobs, and a 19.2 million provision which left JLI with a pre-tax loss of £8.8 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings per share were 3.5p (3.1p) and the dividend has been maintained at 1.65p, payable on January 24.





MICHAEL CLARK

Shares surge as broke look to the 4,500 leve

extended its pre-Budget bull run with at least two heavy-

ing the best is still to come. Kleinwort Benson is said to be taking an increasingly opti-mistic line while HSBC James Capel is forecasting the equity market will hit the 4,500 level before the general election.

It certainly had the bit between its teeth again yester-day, with the FT-SE 100 index surging 35.9 points to close just a shade below its best of the day at 4,054.6.

That will come as further reassurance to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he gets up to make his speech in the House of Commons later today. City investors are looking for a

tight fiscal Budget.
Behind yesterday's rise was further heavy turnover on the futures market, which exacerbated short positions among leading shares, and another record-breaking run on Wall Street where the Dow Jones average breached the 6,500 level for the first time.

Turnover generally 775 million shares changing hands. Again it was the privatised companies that made all the early running. There were gains for National Grid, 42p to 199p, BT, 9p to p, British Energy, 2 p to 152 p, after 161p, Scottish Hydro, 42p to 3192p, and Yorkshire Water, 32p to 688₁² b∵

Among leaders Glaxo Wellcome put on 262p at £10.03 after a meeting over the weekend in New York with ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, rating it a buy.

British Gas firmed 4p to 2352p on reports at the weekend suggesting the group is thinking of hiving off its energy operations. Almost eight million shares had changed hands by the close. Speculative buying lifted Royal Bank of Scotland 6p to

52312p ahead of full-year figures on Thursday. Elsewhere in the financial sector, HSBC jumped 20p to £12.65½ on rumours that the group may be about to hit the acquisition trail. Word is that it may be looking to bid for

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Sir Anthony Cleaver and Peter Watson of AEA, 2p better

profits.

The oil sector enjoyed an early mark-up on the back of a recommendation from NatWest Securities, the broker. But reports that Iraq had agreed to toe the line on a number of demands, saw early gains pared back by the close. BP touched 704p before ending the session 45p lower

more than doubling pre-tax to £13.00. Carlton Communications rose 5p to 5132p. Ashbourne, the nursing home group, jumped 22p to lolp after revealing it had received a bid approach. The bidder is thought to be the US-listed Sun Health Care which bought a 15 per cent stake in Ashbourne when it was floated in 1994. Last week Sun Health made an agreed £13.4

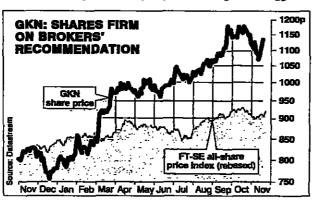
British Airways fell 82p to 5962p after Credit Lyonnais Laing. the broker, urged clients to take profits. It says the shares have enjoyed a strong run and stand 8'2p below their high for the year. But until the situation with American Airlines is resolved, the shares may have run their course for the time being.

at 692p. Shell slipped 12p to 996 p. Burmah Castrol lp to E10.562, while Lasmo ended 3n lowerto 2172p, after 228p, and Enterprise 12p to 5772p. after 597 p.

£85 million bid for Westcountry Television sparked the rest of the media sector into some action. Capital Radio rose 1212p to 586p, and Yorkshire Tyne Tees 2½p

million offer for rival Apta Healthcare. City speculators are banking on an agreed bid of around 180p a share, valuing Ashbourne at £96.5 million. Ashbourne reported an 80 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £11.7 million. Apta

was unchanged at 164 p. An encouraging rise in halfyear profits, a special dividend and confirmation of the proposed demerger of its Aggreko



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A return to the black in the third quarter was good news for Micro Focus, \$2½p better at 905p. The group said it was starting to feel the benefits of

cost-cutting measures.

Applied Holographics dropped 17½p to 69p after sliding into the red at the halfway stage. JLI Group, the food producer, was steady at 65p after reporting an interim loss. Marling Industries also shrugged off a profits setback with a rise of 4 p to 105 p.

Fine Art Developments began clawing back some of the losses stemming from last week's profit warning, with the price rallying 122 p to 275p.

Grantchester, the retail warehousing property group started well after being demerged from Borford, opening at 122p compared with a net asset value of 91p. After dipping to 117-p it ended the session at 128p. Burford finished lp firmer at

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices traded in narrow limits for much of the session with investors reluctant to test the market and open fresh positions ahead of today's Budget. Brokers say the undertone remains firm. In futures, the December

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Rank-pulling not enough

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Aggreko is unlikely to main-

tain that sort of growth but

should be able to grow in the

high teens, deserving of a 20-

25 per cent premium to the

market average earnings

multiple and a valuation of

ANDREW TEARE must feel cheated. If he had joined Rank Group ten years ago as chief executive of the top company in a thriving sector with the prospect of £1 billion of spare cash, he would be on honeymoon. Unfortunately, earnings per share growth is no longer enough. Today, chief executives have to show that returns on investment are above the cost of capital and an extra £1 billion of cash from the sale of Rank's remaining Xerox stake is a headache. Concern about Rank's plans have clobbered the shares since May and share buybacks are a weak option for a growth

Rank is not short of opportunities to spend money; it is keen to build more Hard Rock restaurants as well as leisure centres and casinos, and more will be spent on the tired but profitable Butlins. All worthy aims, but Rank could probably do it all without a windfall. Disposals are planned and the company will release more cash with refinancing deals on its large property portfolio. Rank needs a new business; cheap and

cheerful cruises might be an option for a company with skill in extracting cash from captive holidaymakers. But everywhere you look Rank has an opportunity to realise cash rather than invest in new businesses. Hard Rock is an obvious candidate for flotation and Rank would be better off leaving the Universal Studios joint venture. Florida theme parks gobble money, yield low returns and the competition is growing. After the recent fall, Rank shares look cheap on a 15 per cent premium and the company should announce good trading figures in December. All it needs is some clever investment ideas.

worth. Deduct the special

dividend of £150 million

from Salvesen's market val-

ue and £400 million for Ag-

greko and you are left with a

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million. That suggests an

average rating for the core business, still struggling

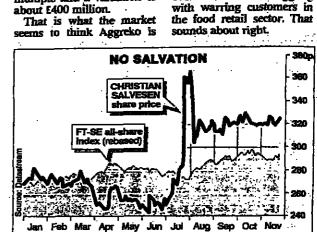
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FIND A straggling company with one good but extraneous business and you will hear investors demanding a demerger. Christian Salve-sen heeded the call — an abortive bid from Hays last summer was a convenient spur. Demerger will in theory release the latent value of the "good" business which, with its own stock market quotation, should

achieve a higher rating. All well and good but there are two caveats: the market may have already correctly valued the business to be spun off. If so, the rump company will be left with a falling share price.

Salvesen is not wrong to demerge Aggreko. The business achieved profits growth last year of 30 per cent while



AEA

AEA TECHNOLOGY has made a nuclear-powered start to life. Only two months on from the flotation and AEA shares are 40 per cent ahead of the placing price. All the more remarkable in the absence of any important news from the company - a situation that remains unchanged after yesterday's debut results.

Having already cut back heavily on public sector staffing levels, AEA is having to run fast just to stand still. It continues to lose government work (mainly from its former owner, the UK Atomic Enermust win new contracts from the private sector and from

business figures have so far had an imperceptible impact

The theory is that the decline in the UKAEA business will stabilise in the next

time, the company still has plenty of scope to improve margins and to sell its technologies and skills to the private sector and the emerging nuclear industries of the Asia Pacific.

Just how great these opportunities are is difficult to judge. AEA has lots of clever gadgetry and numerous blue chip clients - hence the enthusiasm from investors. But with such a short track record, even including the last three pre-privatisation years, it is hard to measure the risks. Investors can only hope that the management team is up to the job. But at the moment, the shares are

FIRSTBUS may be a cheap ticket but it could still be a bumpy ride. Yesterday's miterim results pleased inves-tors even if they did not surprise. The bus operator is growing aggressively and as long as this strategy remains on track the shares will stay on the buy lists.

FirstBus was created last year through the merger of GRT and Badgerline but its name retains a measure of optimism. The company has yet to displace Stagecoach from prime position and its greatest hopes now lie in rail, rather than road transport.

Last week FirstBus was named as preferred bidder for the Great Eastern Railway franchise. Its bid was well prepared and its business plan for the service to 60 east coast stations using over 500 trains suggests the potential to enhance earnings. theory be able to integrate its local bus service with the regional train schedule providing it with scope to increase in rail, FirstBus will have to prove that it can run trains as well as it runs buses.

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Wrong day for Large audience

WHAT happens when two top dignitaries, Sir Andrew Large and Ken Clarke, have important announcements fixed for the

same time? Nothing. While the Chancelior is 3.30pm today, Sir Andrew will be hosting a press conference on the commodities markets, arranged in the wake of the copper scandal. Both men are on the campaign trail: Clarke for the re-election of the Conservatives and Large to extend his tenure at the SiB. Large will probably struggle to get much of an audience.

Puppies tale

A CUT-PRICE offer that Ken Clarke can't refuse: the chance to have his entire stock of faded Hush Puppies re-soled at £5 off the original price, courtesy air chain. If the Chancellor agrees, chairman John Timpson promises to donate an extra £500 to Centrepoint, the charity and housing association. Elsewhere in the City, Timpsons is keeping a "Footsie index" of moneyoff vouchers redeemed in its shops. HSBC employfeet, followed by BZW and Natwest, according to the chain. Clifford Chance, KPMG, and JP Morgan. are among those down at



"Full up -- another one behind"

BUSINESS editors were. somewhat bemused to be sent an invitation to spend today at a health farm. What have they been eating at Walkers Snack Foods that induced them to pick Budget day to launch a new product? Stranger still, why did they choose fat-free Henlow Grange Health Farm, with the enticement of a complimentary treat-

Forest battle

A BATTLE royal is in prospect to buy Notting-ham Forest, the troubled Premiership football club. On one side is former Spurs boss Irving Scholar and football author Phil Soar. On the other is a consortium including Charlie Scott, the cricket-crazy chairman of advertising group Cordiant. Although not a football fan, Scott is a non-executive director of sporting clothes chain Adidas. Pity then that Forest recently extended its kit deal with rivals Umbro until the year 2000.

Camelot raffie

GUESTS at Camelot's second anniversary dinner in London at the weekend were invited to enter a raffle, at ES a pop. Keith Todd, chief executive of ICL, a Camelot shareholder, won a Psion organiser just what you need when you run a computer company). Against all odds, his wife, Anne, won tickets to the theatre and dinner at the Savoy, while Harvey Rands, the lawyer acting for Guy Snowden in the Branson bribe row, won a hi-fi stereo sound camcorder. Just as well that Peter Davis, the obdurate lottery regulator, wasn't there. With his luck he would have won the £500 Tiffany vouchers and £250 Harrods vouchers, donated by GTech.

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The Budget options: we leave you space for your own record

Checklist for the Chancellor's speech

CURRENT POSITION 1997 Sciober, all the region sources of tex receipts were running above the subry's jorgaists. Central government receipts were up 7.5% in the year in compared with 5.5% supersed. However, spending was also subcoding, up 4.5% compared with 2.5% planned.

It is unfiltely that the Chancetor will revise his forecasts either for this year or next. Increasingly robust consumer confidence finds some offset from the increased strength of the pound. With underlying inflation unexpectacily jumping to 3.9% in October from 2.9% in September, the Treasury may be forced to raise its inflation forecast for the end of this year, it will not want to concede any licracest for end-1997 above 2.5%, the upper limit of its target range.

So far, healthy exports, invisible semings and subdued consumer demand have kept Britain's current account position healthy. But, with consumers now spending more and the pound rising there will be more concerns about the trade balance. After October's unexpected £4.4 billion repayment of public borrowing, the City is likely to ravise every some of its passimism on the public finances. Many economists think that the Chancellor will now hit is 1998/97 inscast and even undershoot it. The Chancellor is likely to leave his forecast to this year undranged but may, if he opts for a tight Budget, be able to revise down next year's total.

Despite-October's very good tax receipts, the City still expects the Chancellor to deliver a relatively light Budget given disappointing progress in bringing down borrowing last year and his scepticism about whether large tax cuts would prove popular with voters. If there are not tax cuts, these are expected to be no more than 23 billion.

A scheme to bring private cash into public infrastructure projects.

This is a tex imposed on old but still producing oil fields Standard rate: 17.5 per cent

Accountants have argued that a reduction in the smaller companies rate would encourage to finance expension from retained profits.

Cuts in the funding of Training and Enterprise Councils (TECS) which provide youth training have

The Chancellor may announce further PFI deals

British Gas has lobbled for the removal of this tex.

A 1% increase in the rate of VAT would raise a useful £2.65 billion. But no change is expected.

Alcopope 13.9p per can; Beer 24p a pint; Lager 24p a pint; Cider 23.78p per litre; Higher strength cider £36.67p; Wine £1.06 a bottle; Fortified wine £1.40 a bottle; Sparkling wine £1.51 a bottle; spirits £5.54 a bottle; cigarettes £1.82 (packet of 20); Tobacco £2.14 (25 gm packet; Petrol blacco £1.00 (25 gm packet; Petrol leaded 39.1p per litre; Petrol unleaded 34.3p per litre; Diesel 34.3 p per litre; Pools levy 26.5% of bet; Bettling levy 6.75% of bet; Lottery 12% of ficket; Vehicle excise duty £140

Currently employers do not pay National Insurance on any benefit in kind

Employees face a tax bill of as much as 35% of the cost of the car.

The first £30,000 of a payoff is tax-free

Fuel rate: 8 per cent Registration limit: 247,000

Last year the Chancellor took 27p off the duty on spirits and left the duties on beer wine and most ciders unchanged. There is speculation that he may move to reduce duties on wine, beer, and perhaps spirits to combet the effects of cross border shopping and to reduce pressure on inflation. Concern about teernage drinking may mean a penal duty on alcoppos. The Government is committed to increasing road fuel duties by at least 5% a year in real terms and to increase tobacco duties by at least 3% a year in real terms. It is rumoured that the increase on both items will exceed this limit. VED is seen as very likely to rise. There are hopes of a 1% cut in the betting levy.

The first 20% of pay (maximum £4,000) is paid tex-free. Some 3.5 million

it is again rumoured that the Chancellor may move to extend Class IA employers NIs to all benefits. It would put an end to schemes that allow employers to avoid NIs on bonuses to well-peid employees by paying them in such assets as insurance policies and greyhounds. The taxation of this perk is now considered to be roughly fair. However, some believe that the taxation of petrol provided by an employer does not sufficiently reflect the value of the benefit. PRP, now seen as a tax saving device for employers is considered ripe for reform. The abolition of the scheme which costs £1.5 billion (three times the budgeted amount) and removal of higher rate relief have both been mooted, although the latter would be administratively complex. The los

No change expected, but some believe it should be raised in line with inflation. A new basis for taxing this benefit may be announced

The Government is eager to ensure that the nation makes provision for its retirement. So reductional in the text breaks seem highly unlikely. Some say that the earnings cap should be raised in line with earnings, not prices, there may be incentives to the young to encourage them to take out pensions.

No measures are expected, as full proposals will be contained in a write paper to be published in

The housing and home loans inclustry have not applied pressure this year for improved tax re-or new incentives to improve the state of the housing market. However, some argue that the Charlostor should raise the stamp outly threshold to £75,000 to stimulate this section of the Photeling treatest which has been left beland in the current recovery.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT

28,000 can be invested in a general Pap, with a further £3,000 in a single

A tax cradit of 20% is attached to dividends. It can be reclaimed.

An ACT increase would raise a handy £1.4 bition. But the move would meet opposition from some shareholders, including pension funds. Stemp duty of 0.5% is charged on sales of stocks and shares. Some would like to see an extension of the stamp duty exemption for unit trusts converting into new style Open Ended livestment Companies (OIECS) The Chancelor may simplify these schemes allowing them to raise money more easily.

Threshold £200,060. In 1996, the Chancellor raised the threshold from £154,006, in three with the aim to abotish the tax.

Personal allowances: 23,765 (under 65), £4,910 (65-74), £5,090 (75 plus).

The allowances are the amounts that you can earn before paying tex.

Pensioners are entitled to higher allowances.

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1.1790 (under 65), £3,115 (65.74), £3,155 (75 plus). The married couples allowances are given only at the 15% rate of tax.

Lower rate 20 per cent, Basic rate 24 per cent, Higher rate 40 per cent. The Government's eventual aim is to becrease the basic rate of tax to 20 per cent, it went from way towards this goal lest year with 1% cut. The lower rate of tax of 20 per cent, was introduced in 1992/93 tax year.

Lower rate (20 per cent) £2.5,500 plus

INSURANCE TAX

The rate of APD for UK and EU destinations is £5, for other destinations, £10.

Some believe that the Chancelor will do nothing more than index the exemption. Others believe that he would introduce different rates of CGT for short and long term gains, or move forward the base year for the indexation of gains from 1982 to 1997. Abolition is thought untikely as this would trigger messive anti-evolutione as the wealthy turned income into capital gains. Accountants are divided, some predicting indexation of the threshold, others tooking for an increase to \$380,000 underlining the Government's sign to abolish the tax. A few believe that homes could be excluded from the tax, removing most households from its scope.

The building societies have lobbled for the introduction of the Personal Investment Plan, a single har-free vehicle replacing Peps and Tessas. But abolition so close to the elections seems unlikely.

For the second year, there has been talk that the Chancelor would remove the 5% withdrawal tacility on insurance bonds. But consultation would normally proceed such a step.

Resign the allowances by the rate of inflation, or some over-indexation are seen as the most likely moves. More dramatically, the Chancellor could reduce the allowances to the basic rate of tex, helping him to fund a 20% basic rate of tex.

Churchmen and politicians have criticised the erosion of the married couple allowances which has increased the tax burden on the family. The reformers want to see the value of the allowance restored or, more controversially, personal allowances to be made transferable between spouse A 1-2% cut in the basic rate is widely expected, taking the Government much closer to the much desired 20 per cent. The Chancellor could elso announced a programme of rolling tax cuts.

Raising the tower rate band by more than inflation would be of benefit to the lower paid, taking them out of the tax net. A rise from £3,900 to £5,500 would mean that one third of taxpayers paid

A rise to 5-6% is widely forecast, raising £1.7 billion, sufficient to fund income tax cuts. The possibility of lower and higher rates of IPT has also been mooted. An increase in APD to £7 (UK and EU) and to £15 (non-EU) would raise £150 million. However, some anticipate that the Chancellor will go further and double both rates

Italy's joy may not be simply black and white

Black is white and white is black. This is a useful rule of thumb for analysing monetary politics in Europe. Its clearest application came on the day dubbed Black Wednesday by British politicians, which I immediately renamed "White Wednesday". Today Italy is celebrating its re-entry to the ERM as the culmination of its drive towards economic and monetary union (EMU). It is time to bring out the black-is white rule again: reentry to the ERM marks the end of Italy's EMU hopes and, perhaps, of the whole single currency project.

After Britain entered the ERM in October 1990, in circumstances very similar to those of Italy today, it took almost two years for John Major's fantasies to unravel. This time, Italy's political instability should greatly accelerate the dénovement. The high exchange rate imposed on Italy will further deflate an economy already falling into

attacks on the lira and Italian interest rates will have to rise, especially once the German economy is growing. By next spring Signor Prodi's hopes of joining EMU in 1999 will evaporate like the morning dew. His government will duly fall. All this is conventional wisdom. But what

investors seem not to understand are the full political implications of Signor Prodi's suicide mission. Many investors assume that the loss of the EMU fantasy would not matter: with or without EMU, similar budgetary policies would simply be implemented by another technocrat who took over from Signor Prodi. This seems very unlikely. An entire generation of Italian technocrat-politicians have tied their fates to the project of "EMU in 1999". If this project ends



in humiliation, so will the careers not only of Signor Prodi but also of Carlo Ciampi. Lamberto Dini and all the other leaders the markets have come to trust. In fact, with Silvio Berlusconi facing endless prosecutions, there will be only one Italian politician left with clean hands - the "post-Fascist" leader Gianfranco Fini.

Will a post-Fascist government imple-

ment a fiscal austerity programme devised blocking minority will require only three by socialists and imposed on Italy by people now buying lire and Italian assets presumably think the answer is "yes".

German and French politicians who expect EMU to happen in 1999 must answer an even more interesting question. Will an Italian government brought to power by a crisis that many Italians will surely regard as an act of treachery by Germany and France co-operate with their neighbours'

efforts to create a single currency? To me this seems most unlikely. Germany and France have taken a huge risk in raising Italy's hopes of early EMU membership. If Italy is thwarted, there will be huge popular pressure on Italian governments to sabotage the whole project. Italy's power to do this should not be underestimated, especially if Spain and Portugal are also rejected as firstround members. In the 1998 vote on eligibility a

large countries (such as Italy, Britain and foreigners and international bankers? The Spain) or two large and two or three small ones (for example, Italy and Britain plus Sweden, Denmark and Greece).

Such a blocking minority would not have to sabotage EMU openly, but would simply have to vote against any softening of the Maastricht criteria on the grounds that this was unfairly biased in favour Belgium, France, The Netherlands or even Germany itself. Since there is no European country apart from Luxembourg capable of meeting the Maastricht conditions precisely, and probably never will be, a disaffected Italy could combine with Britain to form a group canable of blocking the single currency forever. Perhaps on reflection Italy's imminent humiliation over EMU is good news after all. As I said at the beginning. European politics is often a matter of black is white.

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A centenary concert for lyricist Ira Gershwin (right) was just as much a celebration of the music of younger brother George

Stars come out for Ira

gala concert that bears the subtitle Who Could Ask For Anything More? is tempting fate. As ne star follows another for a moment or two on the stage the audience can be forgiven for heaving a sigh and borrowing another line from the Ira Gershwin songbook: How Long Has This Been Going On?

Happily, in spite of a stilted first halfhour, the evening did not turn out that way. Hugh Wooldridge and musical director David Firman assembled a dynamic and, for the most part, syrupfree centenary tribute to the master lyricist who lived for so long in the shadow of his brother. George.

If the programming had its eccentricities, they were of the kind that Ira - a keen student of the absurd - would probably have appreciated. Why not have actor Daniel Benzali, the thinking wom-Kojak from Murder One, mumble

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A Celebration of Ira Gershwin Albert Hall

a Poached Egg, the deliciously silly list song that Gershwin recycled for that under-valued Billy Wilder satire Kiss Me. Stupid?
The first half of this charity fund-raiser

for Mencap had ended with a more conventional roof-raising flourish on Strike up the Band, the orchestra and dancers augmented by brass band, massed choir, fireworks and a blast from the organ pipes that might have strayed in from a Mahler symphony.

Earlier, Lorna Luft had, single-handed and mug his way through I Can't Get generated almost as much voltage on a Started? Why not close the show with I'm majestic version of The Man that Got

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Away, a number indelibly linked with her mother Judy Garland's performance in A Star Is Born. None of sister Liza Minnelli's histrionics here.

Luft brought star quality to an opening sequence that had been amiable but short on charisma, in spite of the snave efforts of comperes Charles Dance and David Soul. Proceedings gathered momentum further after the interval, helped along by B.J. Crosby and Victor Trent Cook, two soulful escapees from the Leiber and Stoller revue, Smokey Joe's Café. Another American visitor, Maureen

McGovern, demonstrated her dazzlingly precise multi-octave attack in a scat dialogue with the orchestra's flautist on Little Jazz Bird. Not to be upstaged, Ira's old friend Larry Adler made an eyecatching entrance, playing the opening cadenza from Rhapsody in Blue before accompanying himself, left-handed, at the piano on Bess. You is My Woman Now.

CLIVE DAVIS

Spirit of the lore

SINCE recording the biggest album of his career, Officium, in 1993, the Norwegian saxophonist Jan Garbarek is virtually guaranteed full houses. As a result, those members of the jazz world who keep a weather eye out for supposed signs of deviation from the True Path. and for whom wide popularity seems to rank among the most blatant of

Jan Garbarek Festival Hall

such signs, have even suggested that he provides jazz for people who don't like jazz".
Even the most rigid of such doubters, however, would have been given pause by this performance. True, the music played by his regular quartet

keyboard player Rainer Bruninghaus, bassist Eberhard Weber and percussionist Marilyn Mazur - was, as ever, meticulously prepared and precisely articulated. True, too, it clearly owed a great deal more to Garbarek's passion for Scandinavian traditional music than it did to the customary root of jazz, the blues. But as Garbarek him-self points out: "Just trying to emulate the great American innovators is not enough ... we have our own blues equivalent our own folk music."

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The musical results are hard to fault. Typically, over the subtle wash of Bruninghaus's synthesizer, given sonorous propulsion by Weber's uniquely lyrical bass and delicately embellished by Mazur's extraordinary variety of percussive effects, Garbarek keens and skirls.

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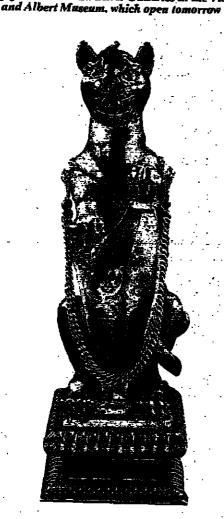
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Matt Wolf talks

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Stephen Frears about his new film, The Van

ncreasingly, it seems, there are two - or even three - Stephen Frears working in movies. The first is the street-smart political activist behind My Beautiful Laundrette and Sammy and Rosie Get Laid, two portraits of Thatcher-era Britain whose professed aim was to lay low the Conservative Government, or at least Margaret Thatcher. The second is as a director of Hollywood stars - sometimes to good effect (Glenn Close in Dangerous Liaisons, Anjelica Huston in The Grifters, for which Frears was nominated for an Oscar), sometimes not (Julia Roberts in Mary Reilly).

His new film, The Van. could be said to represent the third Frears. In 1993, he directed a film of Roddy Doyle's The Snapper, funded by the BBC and intended for television, only to have it cause a stir at Cannes and go on to an acclaimed cinema release in America. With The Van again adapted from one of Doyle's Barrytown Trilogy, and a 1990 runner-up for the Booker Prize — the question was, could cinema lightning strike twice, with Frears establishing himself as that rare English chronicler of the Irish working-class?

The Van, though, received a more muted response than either its predecessor or Alan Parker's The Commitments, which was the first of the Doyle adaptations. Focusing on the shifting rapport between two friends from the north Dublin suburbs who



Stephen Frears directing Roddy Doyle's The Van: "Roddy's got more severe as a writer, and I like to say that I do his silly ones," Frears says

road, selling food from a van. the film has as much to say about claustrophobia - both emotional and physical - as it does about the giddy high spirits depicted in The Snapper and The Commitments.

The Snapper was more like a fairy tale," says Frears, an amiable 55-year-old who studied law at Cambridge and

Royal Court Theatre. "This is more realistic it has more to do with life. The Snapper was like a party. I would go home at the end of the day and say, 'Shouldn't I be working hard-

er? "This was much tougher. The Snapper was really a celebratory film, whereas The Van is very sad; it's about youngish men who are forced

dant, and they get a second chance and it doesn't work

The challenge was to extract from the material what comedy exists while making a film bereft of stars that audiences would nonetheless attend. The best-known actor in The Van is Colm Meaney from TV's Star Trek: The Next peared in all three Barrytown films.) "it's quite hair-raising." Frears says. "You can see there aren't any car chases or sex or any of the staple products of commercial cinema; but the jokes are very funny and you

try to get it right." Anticipation, too, plays a part. The Snapper "sort of came from nowhere" says Frears, and received rave reviews which may cast a shadow over The Van. "When I made Dangerous Ligisons, nobody expected anything. People wore funny dresses, so everyone was very, very ner-

vous, and when of course it

then emerges that you've made a film that is accessible and enjoyable, people are always delighted. At any given moment, I'm always trying to lower expectations."

tars, of course, carry expectations with them, as Frears found not just on Mary retelling with Julia Roberts as a put-upon English scullery girl, but also when directing Dustin Hoffman, Geena Davis and Andy Garcia in an earlier flop. Accidental Hero.

I just think of Dustin or Julia as really good actors. I am interested in them as actors, so all the mechanism of them as stars slightly bewilders me. I approach them all the same way - we have a story to tell, let us tell it - and afterwards I find that audiences deal with stars differently than they do with actors. I'm always rather perplexed by that; I feel slightly stupid."

and can deal with that and make very good films as well. I don't quite know how you do it. I'm driving myself mad trying to learn."

Frears, who received no formal film training but learnt as an apprentice to Lindsay Anderson and Karel Reisz on autumn teaching at the National Film School. In the spring he heads for New Mexico to make his first western. The High-Lo Country: Martin Scorsese is a co-

One film he won't be making, though, is an adaptation of Doyle's most celebrated novel, Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha. "There are some directors who direct children very well. but I couldn't do it," he says. "And in any case, Roddy's got more serious, more severe, as a writer, and I like to say that I do his silly ones." ● The Van opens on Friday

CONCERTS: Contemporary music in Huddersfield; a celebratory gala at the Wigmore Hall

JUST when you are ready to dismiss him as seriously deluded, something happens to restore your faith. Reactions to the comprehensive survey of the work of Karlheinz Stockhausen at the current Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival - where the great man has presided over concerts given by favoured performers to capacity audi-

ences - have fluctuated between despair and elation. As the first British showing of Frank Scheffer's film reminded us. Stockhausen is the composer who recently consigned the Arditti Quartet to a flight of helicopters. Each player was assigned to his own aircraft and given a precisely co-ordinated part in creating the mix of string and rotor-blade sounds which would be relayed back to the audience as the Helicopter String Quartet. But just when

you are idly wondering what

Stockhausen takes flight

the next extravagant mission will be, you hear a phenomenal performance of Mantra and come away convinced that Stockhausen is one of the great composers.

The inescapable historical fact is that the exciting works such as Mantra (performed here by Ellen Corver and Sepp Grotenhuis) or Piano Piece X (the extraordinary Corver designed to give super-Wagnerian immortality to the

again) were written 20 or 30 years ago. The disappointing-ly empty ones heard at Huddersfield are all by-products of the Licht series of seven operas

composer - on which he has

Bijou, the first performance of which was enterprisingly secured by Richard Steinitz for Huddersfield, is an instrument-and-tape version of a duet from Act I of Thursday from Light. It was worked out by Stockhausen in association with his flute and clarinet associates, Kathinka Pasveer and Suzanne Stephens, who played it and danced it in costume - the flautist apparently naked under a dress of strategically alternating transparent and green stripes. The

melodious as the heightened

speech inflections and as colourful as the growls of kabuki theatre, was minimal. All these recent works are

calculated by formula. So is Mantra. But whereas the twopiano piece is inspired in terms of virtuoso sound and material, the later pieces seem to be written on a papal assumption that because they are based on a Stockhausen formula they are infallible.

When Suzanne Stephens performs a basset-horn piece called X with an illuminated X strapped like angel wings to her back, Kathinka Pasveer performs Ypsilon in a Yshaped costume with bells attached, and the two of them perform Elufa dressed like standard lamps in short skirts, fallibility is as visible as it is audible. But at least, when Stockhausen is in charge, the concerts run on time.

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ever raised a statue to a critic. But I cannot recall many memorials to hall managers either. Perhaps all that will change. The affection and gratitude so richly displayed at the Wigmore Hall on Friday suggest that William Lyne - who has presided over that august establishment for 30 years - will surely be busted or plaqued when he finally hangs up his planner's pencil. Here, for once, was a gala

tribute that was neither cloying nor insincere. Just great fun. Part of the fun was in not knowing who or what was going to appear next. The concert's contents had been kept secret even from Lyne, who sat in the audience covered in joy and confusion as one musical celebrity after another directed some wellturned line in his direction.

The Skampa Quartet launched proceedings with an exuberant account of Dvorák's American Quartet, and there was more string virtuosity when the cellist Steven Isserlis prefaced the first movement of Grieg's Cello Sonata with an arrangement of the gorgeous Intermezzo from Schumann's Violin Sonata No 3.

Then came a clutch of fine vocalists. Ann Murray ravished two songs from Berlioz's Les Nuits d'été before turning to Irish ditty, including the tongue-twisting blamey of Phil the Fluter's Ball. Joan Rodgers displayed the

darker side of her vocal timbre in four Tchaikovsky songs: and Rosa Mannion sang Britten and Schubert (The Shepherd on the Rock, with Michael Collins darting through the clarinet part) with formidable power. Accompanying all this was a succession of fine pianists: Stephen Hough, Malcolm Martineau. Roger Vignoles and Julius Drake. András Schiff also appeared to deliver some sprucely-phrased Schubert.

The encores included the majestic Sarah Walker singing Kern's Bill, with Wodehouse's lyrics adjusted to suit the Bill in question. All in all, a party to remember.

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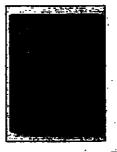
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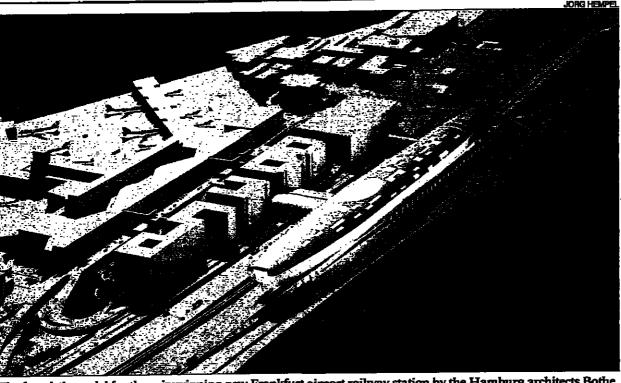
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The futuristic model for the prizewinning new Frankfurt airport railway station by the Hamburg architects Bothe Richter Teherani: apart from a station "fit for the times", the design includes a "UFO" (unlimited free-time object) with shops, cinemas, a musical theatre, hotel and entertainment spaces, and parking for 2,000 cars

Making tracks for the millennium

t is probably the most ambitious millennium project the world has yet seen. Germany is planning to rebuild its main railway stations on a scale that exceeds even the dreams of Albert Speer in the Third Reich. The new stations will be futuristic glass palaces with lightweight transparent roofs covering a dozen platforms in a single breathtaking leap. They are loftier, lighter and airier than the largest new

airport terminals.

The architect Meinhard von Gerkan, whose practice has the lion's share of these spectacular commissions, says: "When the chairman of German Rall, Heinz Dürr, came

on Germany's breathtaking plan to develop its railway stations

to our Hamburg office in 1993 I had no idea of the magnitude of changes proposed." The proposals for Stutigart station alone are costed at a scarcely believable E2 billion. Already these proposals are causing huge controversy, from preservationists concerned at damage to the few German stations that survived Second World War bombing to Greens, who believe such large-scale rebuilding of cities is a misuse of resources.

The changes are prompted by the new high-speed and Inter City Expresses (ICEs) which, like Eurostar, will be 400 metres long. The main station in most German cities is a terminus, requiring drivers to change ends before a train can continue its snaking journey out round the suburbs. Under the new grand plan, the old termini will be transformed into through stations, shortening stops and

cutting journey times.

New tracks will be brought in at low level. At Stutigart they will be eight metres below the existing railway line, at Frankfurt 20 metres, and at Munich a staggering 37 metres. Taking tracks down is a mammoth engineering task, and herein lies the

mammoth engineering and herein lies the key to the finance, for the newly privatised German Rail intends to roof over the sunken tracks and develop the new land in partnership with property companies.

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The schemes have been on show at an exhibition,
The Renaissance of

The Renaissance of Railway Stations (Germany's, that is), in Venice. Sumptuous models showed huge areas of land, 120 hectares at Munich, 99 at Stuttgart, made available for development with offices and housing laid out around generous parks and gardens. It is London's Broadgate — but 20 times bigger.

Yet as the abortive plans for

the railway land at King's Cross in London and the Gare d'Austerlitz in Paris have shown, the problem with this kind of development is that hundreds of millions have to be spent on engineering works before actual construction can begin. German Rail merely says: "We don't like to talk about money too much."

fact that while the British Rail Property Board was assiduously selling off every last siding. German railways, both east and west, held on to thousands of acres of redundant marshalling yards, now potentially available for sale. Heinz Dürr sees the new cathedral-sized concourses as ushering in a new age of calm, relaxed travel. "We do not

have to hide behind the fa-

cades of shopping and leisure

centres. We want to stress traffic functions," he says. As soon as you enter one of the new stations from the street, you will have the reassuring sight of all the platforms and trains fully open to view below you. Visibility is all.

The Germans are also determined to reverse the trend to seediness around stations. "As long as they are centres of redlight districts, hubs of drug-dealing and a home to downand-outs, there will be a heavy psychological barrier." says yon Gerkan.

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Others see station districts, with their "cheap hotels and down-to-earth gastronomy", as the modern-day counterparts to the Berlin of Isher-wood and Cabaret — "centres for the fringe, for foreigners and the demi-monde", says. Dieter Hoffman-Axthelm.

The one new station so far built is at Kassel-Withelmshöhe, although a spectacular web of new glass canopies is taking shape along

plan an arched roof

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proposal for the

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the platforms at Cologne. The really ambitious work is still on the drawing board.

In Essen, for example, the architects Ingenhofen

are centres for the fringe 9

Gerkan plans a giant sunken hall with three tiers of arches supporting the existing iron and glass roof, all filled with bridges and stairs.

The most futuristic design is for the new airport railway station at Frankfurt. The

tion at Frankfurt. The architects, Bothe Richter Teherani, propose a vast 700 metrelong shopping centre, shaped like a nuclear sub, above the station roof. They call it a UFO — "unlimited free-time object" — with shops, cinemas and parking for 2,000 cars.

parking for 2000 cars.

Opposition grows in Leipzig, which has the grandest station in Europe after Milan. Some 30,000 people signed a petition against a multi-storey car-park in the station. Axel Fohl, champion of historic railway architecture, says: "Both Leipzig and Stuttgart need further downscaling. Developers are offering heaven on earth, particularly in the east which is hungry for

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DEBUSSY's masterpiece has been variously described as "the best symphony ever written by a Frenchman" and "the musical equivalent of Moner's Impressionist paintings. Turner's seascapes, and those delicate feathery prints by Hokusai". It is all of these, and more: Debussy's translation of the ever-changing and apparently formless into a structure of shape and purpose is a finely balanced miracle of musical technique, with each detail scrupulously considered and placed.

And its mystery and majesty are governed by strict mathematics. One might imagine that no harm is done by overadmiring a wonderful view here, or prematurely whipping up a storm there, but ultimately such short-term tactics are detrimental to the whole.

All La Mer needs is a conductor who does it "by the book": the best players in the world to cope with the score's considerable and very precise demands; an alert recording team: and a sympathetic acoustic. Among the numerous conductors who think they know better than Debussy are Sinopoli. Bernstein. Reiner and Lombard; and among those who are hampered by



indifferent playing are Barenboim, Rahbari, Pommer
and Barbirolli. A "big hall",
sound is the preferred option
these days, but large acoustics
and distant microphones can
blur detail, and victims here
are Baudo, Rahbari, Simon,
Jordan, Frühbeck de Burgos
and Järvi.
Unusually for a survey like

Unusually for a survey like this (there are some 50 record-... ings available) one contender stands head and shoulders above the rest. The first of Karajan's three recordings with the Berlin Philharmon ic, made in 1964 (and coupled with a similar vintage Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures at-an Exhibition was reissued last year on DG's mid-price Originals series (447 426-2 £9.99). This offers effortless. and limitless virtuosity; recorded sound that is present, finely detailed, wide-ranging and decently spacious; evocative magic to spare; but most important of all, a view of the whole that allows the work to

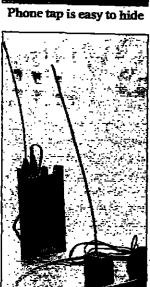
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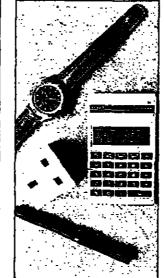
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Legal bugs raise alarm

eter Wright, the for-mer MIS officer, claimed in his book Specatcher to have bugged and burgled this way across London at the State's

After the initial controversy, the problem of the legality of such operations was resolved by the Security Service Act 1989. This gave the Home Secretary power to issue warrants for covert "interference with property", as the legisla-tion coyly describes it. If Michael Howard has his way, covert operations by the police

Amid the furore over the Government's sentencing reforms, its other crime bill — the Police Bill, which starts its committee stage today - has attracted little notice. This Bill includes proposals to legalise. the surreptitious entry onto private property and the placing of surveillance devices by the police, which should cause serious public concern.

At present, where the police carry out similar covert operations to M15 they are governed by a Home Office circular on the use of technical equipment. The planting of surveillance equipment on private property requires the Chief Constable's prior personal approval. A

circular of this kind cannot confer legal immunity, and the police rightly fear that they could, if discovered, face a successful civil action for trespass. No criminal offence is involved in planting surveil-lance equipment unless dam-

age is done. However, the existing practice clearly violates Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, protecting pri-

vacy. The European Court of Human Rights has in the past held that surveillance under a circular is not "i accordance with law" for the purpose of the excep-tions to Article 8. It did so as regards telephone tapping in the Malone case in 1984. Should a

similar case be brought involving police bugging, at present the result would be a foregone

conclusion. The Government proposes that the present system should simply be made statutory, with Chief Constables continuing to have responsibility for authorising such surveillance operations. There will be no obligation to seek approval outside the police force, although an independent commissioner will be appointed to oversee the arrangements and to investigate complaints. This may not satisfy the Convention, which generally requires independent prior authorisation by a judge where a search

The French law which permitted customs search without judicial warrant was held to violate

part of a criminal

'Peter the Convention in the 1993 Funke Wright case. The Court of jected to the widthburgled of the powers and the authorities' exhis way clusive competence over their use. The across Police Bill proposals could meet a London' similar fate in Strasbourg. .

The legislation will also create several anomalies. The police will be permitted to authorise their own covert operations in the case of serious crime, while MI5 will still be required to obtain a ministerial warrant where national security is involved. Although a Code of Practice would be issued, there is a danger that each police force

separation of the judiciary

from the executive to boost the

independence of the former.

The group argues that the Lord Chancellor, as head of

the judiciary, should not be in

the Cabinet. And it is claiming

the support of some lawyers

who use the High Court. "You

are doing the right thing," one

THE decision of senior judges

on whether CPS prosecutors should be allowed advocacy

rights in the Crown Court is

will apply differing standards, with more potential for abuse than with operations carried out by a single organisation.

The police will need the Home Secretary's permission for phone tapping, but not for bugging, although the same grounds and facts may be involved. This will only encourage use of the least regulated investigatory technique. For open searches, the police will generally require a judicial warrant, but not for covert

This is paradoxical: where a search is unannounced, there less likelihood of its being challenged later, and stricter safeguards against abuse should apply beforehand, not weaker ones. Whereas conventional procedures give special protection for sensitive materil held by lawyers and journalists, professional confidences receive no protection under the Bill. The prospect of covert police searches or bug-

ging of solicitors' or journal-ists' offices is far from fanciful. It is unlikely that the courts will act as a check on these powers. Earlier this year, the House of Lords condoned dubious police surveillance practices by holding, in the case of Khan, that a tape could be given in evidence although

the bugging device was placed by police officers who were

trespassers. Clearly judges are

reluctant to exercise their dis-

cretion to exclude unfairly

obtained evidence. It is vital.

therefore, that the new legisla-

tion should contain adequate

safeguards for personal

Police-licensed break-ins

should have no place in a

democratic state under the

rule of law. Parliament should

think long and hard before

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approving these proposals.

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Bugs can appear innocent



to public scrutiny first national column on the magistracy by a magistrate. It highlighted the

Magistracy opens

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ordeals suffered by children when asked to give evidence in child abuse cases. The Criminal Justice Act 1991, which came into force a few months later, brought into use video recordings and live television links that

have made the experience less awful. Other problems related to children and families, the remands of 15-year-olds into custody because of the lack of secure accommodation and the huge changes brought in by the Children Act allowed me to continue to write from an ordinary magistrate's perspective. Four Criminal Justice Acts in five years - the latest due to fall on us soon have meant a roller-coaster ride for magistrates. And apart from trying to make

sense of this flurry of legislation, I also had hopes of trying to make the magistracy

Five years on, there is a more open-minded attitude and there is much greater public interest in the workings of the justice system. This opening up of the magistracy has been one of the most important changes to have occurred over the past five

It started with the Schools Project, which was the brainchild of Rosemary Thomson. then deputy chairman of the Magistrates' Association and Richard Grobler, then deputy secretary of Commissions in the Lord Chancellor's Department. A pilot scheme begun in Berkshire in 1991 turned into a nationwide success.

Mrs Thomson, who retires as Chairman of the Magistrates' Association on November 21, sees it as one of the most beneficial changes to have occurred during her tenure of office. "We now have some 3,400 magistrates going out to schools and working with students to get across who magistrates are, what we do and how we do it. A lot of the work involves students playing the role of magistrate."

Although others might not agree with her. Ms Thomson is a believer in magistrates talking selectively to the press, something practically unheard of five years ago. She says: There is a much greater willingness to talk to the press. I believe that openness is very important for an organisation which is delivering local justice to a local community and using local people to do it."

Apart from trying to make the magistracy less distant from the people it serves, she also sentencing. She became chairman of the association in 1993 when the Criminal Justice Act of that year abolished Unit Fines.

worked in practice despite a successful trial. She is more sanguine about the controversial use of electronic monitoring of curfew orders. "Although still in a trial phase it is proving to be a flexible disposal. It can be used for public order offences, assaults, driving while disqualified and the like and you can tailor it to the lifestyle of the offender. And in the new Criminal Justice Bill there will be powers coming in that magistrates have asked for like the power to use short Community Service Orders or Curlew Orders during the fine default process so that fewer people will go to

What has not yet been solved and worries all of us associated with the justice system is Michael Howard's proposal for an automatic prison sentence on a third burglary offence. As Ms Thomson points out: "It is too variable

an offence. It can be burglary to pinch a milk bottle off the porch of a house. Yet that is hardly in the same category as a housebreaking leading to a smashed up home. We need to keep the discretion to look at the facts of the offence and the offender."

What is more encouraging is the growing interdepen-dence of all the agencies involved in the system when it comes to solving problems. Apart from grass roots co-operation which we have always had in the Juvenile and subsequently Youth and Family Courts through our court user meetings, there had apparently been little joint problem-solving at the

Agencies like the police, the CPS, the social services, the courts, the Probation Service and the Prison Service are operatively independent. According to Ms Thomson they have come to realise that a joint effort to solve problems together is beneficial particularly at a time of constant cuts in public

The Criminal Justice Consultative Council set up five years ago and the Trials Issues Group are trying to solve problems like the need to get local inter-agency service agreements about the best way to treat witnesses, how best to deal with difficult offenders and more efficient ways of getting information to the CPS to address the problem of trial delays," she says.

After 25 years as a magistrate Ms Thomson believes that the magistracy should and sometimes does have a voice in the formation of criminal justice policy. "Legislation is a ans but the ma now better heard, better respected and better regarded by government than when I started."

Teresa takes top billing

TERESA GORMAN, MP, is still furning over the legal bills she incurred during a battle with her council over alterations to her home in Essex. She was one of the nonlawyer guests at a lunch held by the all-party Lords and Commons Solicitors Group at

the House of Lords last week

During her planning battle she clocked up legal fees costing thousands of pounds. She took advantage of the lunch to complain that solicitors did not give enough warning about the cost of their services, unlike her plumber. Several of the MPs and Lords responded by asking for the plumber's name.

Revealing tax

LAWYERS are supposed to be secretive about their affairs, but a survey by office equipment company Gesteiner has found that technology makes them leave all sorts of confidential information lying about.

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REGULAR users of the High Court will have noted a small thering of protesters outside its doors every Wednesday afternoon. They belong to a



Fighting back

FOR once, it seems, it is not the legal profession which is embroiled in a bitter debate about its complaints system.

group called Campaign for a Plans to introduce lay repre-Fair Hearing and they have sentation into the disciplinary vowed to continue their weeksystem operated by the Roya ly vigils until they have suc-Institution of Chartered Surceeded in bringing about sweeping changes to the jusveyors have sparked a wave of protest from within that tice system. A key aim is the

The warring surveyors are employing the same arguments for and against the change to those recently voiced by barristers and solicitors during debates about changes to their complaints

The choice now is between a self-regulating system that is trusted by the public, and the threat of statutory regulation (which would surely not be in the interests of the profession)," was the contribution to the debate of Simon Pott, immediate past president of

the RICS. Meanwhile, the Law Society is quietly confident that it may have a winner with its new office for the supervision of solicitors. In its first few months, the new body, which replaced the Solictors' Complaints Bureau, has managed to keep out of the headlines.

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keenly awaited. But do they want them? Last week's MORI poll of lawyers in the service (at least of the 75 per cent who are members of the First Division Association) threw up a fascinating fact: only 11 per cent favoured extended advocacy rights. Per-haps they feel they have enough on their plates.

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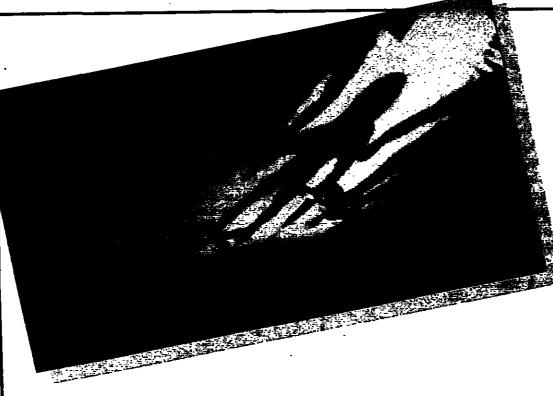
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Changing the sentence

oes the public have any input into sentencing dangerous and violent criminals? The answer is that in a roundabout way it does and, in general, it doesn't choose to exercise it.

There are complaints in the newspapers about unduly lenient sentencing. Does anyone take any notice? Again the answer is yes. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General does. After all, it is he who has the right to refer the case to the Court of Appeal with a view to resentencing

The Criminal Justice Act. 1988 gave the Attorney-General 28 days from the date of the sentencing in cases such as manslaughter, grievous bodily harm, robbery, rape, cruelty to or neglect of a child and serious and complex fraud, to lodge an application for leave to refer the case for resentencing.

There is provision in the Criminal Justice Act, 1988 for all cases which have been heard at the Crown Court to be subjected to such a reference. In 1994 offences of indecent assault, threats to kill and cruelty or neglect of children, and last year complex and serious fraud cases were added to the list.

The application for leave takes the form of written submissions and, with the defendant represented, oral argument on the facts and law. Not only does the process act in an individual case but it also gives the Court of Appeal the opportunity to consider whether sentences for a particular offence need to be longer or, indeed, shorter, and so give guidelines. While the court might agree that the original sentence was inadequate, it may also leave the sentence unchanged if, for example, the offender is doing well under a Community Service Order.

How then does the Attorney-General learn of a case which may require a reference? The Crown Prosecution Service refers the bulk of the 160 or so cases brought to his attention annually. MPs of aggreeved constituents may write and about 12 cases a year are reported by members of the public, usually distressed relatives. A newspaper may also mount a campaign as The Sun did in a death by dangerous

driving case last year.

In all these cases the Attorney-General will call for the papers.
Curiously, although police officers as a body tend to moan about lenient sentences, individual officers do not write in, apparently

BOUT



In the spotlight: Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, can refer cases to the Court of Appeal for resentencing

references crept up from 26 in 1990

to 81 last year. Most references

come after convictions for robbery

and grievous bodily harm offences,

which over the years have made up

26 and 22 per cent respectively. The

emotive offence of death by danger-

ous driving comes next with 14 per

cent and rape accounts for just over

II per cent. Manslaughter follows

with just 5 per cent. There has only

been one reference in a case of

successful applications has been

between 80 and 90 per cent. There

has, however, been a drop in the

success rate, from 86 per cent last

year to 69 per cent this year. Are

there fewer errant judges, or is it

because there is a new Lord Chief

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preferring the matter to be handled by the Crown Prosecution Service. Of course, not all seemingly lenient sentences qualify for the personal review the Attorney-General or, in his absence, the Solicitor-General, is required to give. It is not that the members of the Court of Appeal would have themselves imposed a more severe sentence.

The keyword is unduly. The judge must have appeared to depart seriously from the guidelines already laid down. One of the more notorious examples was the youth given probation for the rape of a young girl.

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Court kiosks dispense greater legal access

Green Paper on how government services may be delivered electronically is a glimpse of the future. It raises the prospect of information kiosks in the courts where people can obtain information about the legal system and the law.

Pioneered commercially in America and now also used in Australia and Singapore, these self-service court kiosks are designed to streamline a variety of complex legal procedures and are said to be easy to use and conveniently located in or near court buildings.

court buildings.

People use them like cash dispensers. They are faced with a computer screen and a simple keyboard. Available all day every day, people have user-friendly, multi-media and touch-screen information about the law and are guided through legal issues by a mixture of video recordings, colourful screens and the recordings of a multilingual human

One system allows members of the public to pay their traffic violations, schedule a court appearance date and obtain information on small claims procedures and other court services. Another provides information about the upper courts and can produce laser-printed legal documents. These include the forms necessary for obtaining a forcible detainer (eviction) and even for the filing of an uncontested divorce. Once printed, the output is ready for signature, authorisation if appropriate, and then for filing with the court. Information is also provided about the workings of the court system, alternative methods of dispute resolution and landlord

The idea has already won the backing of Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls. By dispensing legal guidance rather than cash, the idea is that court kiosks will provide basic guidance and support to lay people who would otherwise be reluctant or unable to instruct lawyers.

to instruct lawyers.

The idea is in line with the main thrust of Government Direct, the ambitious Green Paper which anticipates online completion of tax returns, granting of licences, payments of grants and

Richard Susskind

reports on how new technology will improve the public's dealings

benefits, as well as the provision of government information and the administration of regulations

with the law

The Green Paper in turn echoes recommendations earlier in the year from the House of Lords' Select Committee on Science and Technology in its agenda for action for the UK information society; and indeed last year's Communicating Britain's Future, the Labour Party's contribution to the debate.

There seems to be widespread

They will provide help to people reluctant to instruct lawyers

agreement over the fundamental motivation behind court kiosks and online government — that non-lawyers (for whom ignorance of the law is, of course, no excuse) should be given greater, easier and cheaper access to legal information and guidance as can now be afforded through IT.

But while the Green Paper helps refine the technical case for kiosks, there is something rather bizarre about having such kiosks only in court buildings. If the aim is to render the law less forbidding and more congenial, insisting on a trip to the formidable environment of most court buildings may rather defeat the purpose. More than this, to require citizens to make special visits to special locations for their

consultations is precisely to miss the opportunities telecommunications afford.

why not harness the power of electronic communications and make the information available at more popular sites, such as public libraries, post offices and shopping malls, as the Green Paper suggests for government

Looking ahead, one can also

begin to question the assumption that legal guidance will be most easily digested and assimilated if dispensed through kiosks in the manner of cash. The original kiosk designers sought to offer access to the law through a medium with which, they judged, most law people would be comfortable. Given the uptake in usage of cash dispensing machines, there must have been attractions in using that same general approach to human machine interaction. But looking just a few years down the road we can be equally confident that there will be a far more pervasive and dominant mode of interacting with technology and that will be today's personal computer with some graphical user interface, integrated into television technology. The likely avalanche of purchase and use of computers for domestic purposes will result in a level of familiarity with PCs which will surely displace cash dispensing technol ogy as the most familiar way of dealing with machines.

In the IT-based information society, when the World Wide Web takes over from the bookcase as our major information source, it will become natural to turn to the PC or the television for legal help. And, to make matters easier still, before too long we will navigate around these information systems not by using keyboard and mouse but, through voice recognition technology, by talking to our markines

So purpose built, public access kiosks may turn out to be simply an interim technology, plugging the gap between now and the day when we can receive everyday legal guidance by speaking to our televisions.

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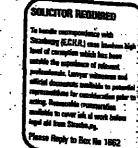
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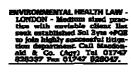
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Warne and Lara poised to play significant roles in final act

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BRISBANE (fourth day of five): West ladies, with nine second-innings- wickets in hand, need Bi runs to beat

THE popular yet simplistic notion that this beavyweight series will be decided by just two players received a hint of credibility yesterday. To the unconcealed delight of cricket's swelling army of publists, the first Test, at the Gabba, had become a scrap between Brian Lara and Shane Warne.

For four days, on a slow and true pitch, Australia had controlled affairs without summoning either the nerve or the muscle to administer the knockout blow. With a single day remaining, it began to seem that only Warne could do the job and that only Lara

was likely to stop him.

Beyond argument, Mark
Taylor's refusal to enforce the follow-on had prolonged the contest, hardening West Indies' resolve just when it seemed at breaking point. Yet as Taylor satisfied part one of his stubborn plan, setting a target of 420 in the equivalent of four sessions, one sensed that something exceptional was required from Lara if the tactics were not to be vindicated by victory.

There could scarcely have been a more compelling last-day scenario. One West Indies wicket had been lost, inevitably to Warne, but Lara was counter-attacking with a verve that led some, fancifully, to seek odds on the target being

Australia's three seam bowlers had looked no better than workmanlike, despite the first signs of uneven bounce from one end, and it was Warne, wheeling away with a new intensity, who held the key to West Indies destiny, and to Taylor's deliverance.

Well-justified fears surrounded Warne as this series approached. He had played little cricket for six months and he admitted, on the eve of the game, that retirement had



Warne is congratulated by Mark Waugh after dismissing Samuels, the West Indies opening batsman, for 29

crossed his mind. Even if his spinning finger stood up after surgery, there was the risk that his suspect shoulder would let him down, as has happened to so many leg

These doubts will not go away, but they will recede to a respectful distance if and when Warne demonstrates an unimpaired capacity to win matches like no other bowler alive. He knew this when attack for only the tenth over of the West Indies innings yesterday, and he did not flinch from the responsibility. In the first innings here, Warne had been tentative. offering less than usual in the way of variation, more than usual in the way of free gifts. Now, on a pitch beginning to wear, and with the rough of footmarks to help him against

West Indies top six, he began to command renewed respect. Robert Samuels, the first of the left-handers, was immediately ill at ease. Warne, trim of figure after a recent diet and training regime, indulged in a sequence of grunts and whoops, but when, in his fourth

over, he took Samuels's wicket.

it was in bizarre circumstances.

The first ball of the over was smoothly picked up over midwicket for six. The second beat Samuels comprehensively, but the third, too short, was pulled for four. Warne dropped the fourth short again and Samuels, too casual, flipped it straight to long leg, where Paul Reiffel dropped it. Warne then left

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RUGBY UNION

Leading clubs leaning towards peace at last

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S leading clubs had more on their minds vesterday than the draw for fifth round of the Pilkington Cup. to be played on December 21. Tomorrow their representatives must thrash out their future relationship with the Rugby Foot-

ball Union (RFU). As one first division club executive put it: "Nobody out there loves Epruc (the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs and many of us believe the time has come to end the dispute with the RFU and get on with the business of running efficient clubs." Therefore, the meeting at Leicester tomorrow should feature some strong debate as the doves seek a two-thirds majority in favour of accepting the RFU's proposed agreement.

Notionally, the meeting is designed to prepare Epruc's presentation to the full com-mittee of the RFU on Friday, which the clubs appealed for earlier this month. The feeling is growing, however, that the events of recent weeks, particularly the emasculation of the regional teams which have faced touring sides from the southern hemisphere, have cost Epruc any sympathy for

If that is the case, any presentation that they may make — however well-reasoned — would fall on stony ground. Were the doves to carry the day at Leicester, that could obviate the need for the presentation on Friday, and the RFU is in a position to further the cause of the peacemakers by indicating how swiftly agreed commercial sums would become available to clubs prepared to sign the

Of the more hawkish clubs,

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Newcastle were favoured with a home cup draw vesterday, against West Hartlepool, their near-neighbours: Harlequins face an uncomplicated task against Cheltenham and Leicester could face the product of one of their old boys if Terry Burwell's Newbury can overcome Lydney in a post-

poned tie. The most attractive game is that between Sale and ambitious Richmond, from the second division. "I suppose, if we were honest, we would say we wanted to go as lar as we can in the cup, but some of our players will be licking their lips at the prospect of taking on one of the bener first division clubs," John Kingston, the director of rugby at Richmond, said. They will provide us with a benchmark.

We are fed up with people saying that Richmond don't have the pace for the first division. All we can do is go out and play as well as we can against the rest of the second division, and hope for promotion so that we can prove ourselves to the doubters."

Craig and Scott Quinnell, two of Richmond's leading lights, are likely to be named today in the Barbarians team to play the Australians at Twickenham on December 7, alongside a Newcastle quartet including Rob Andrew and Tony Underwood.

Bath, the cup-holders, play London Irish in the only tie to feature two first division clubs, while there will be a special welcome at Preston Grasshoppers for Northampton: it was Preston who moulded the young Paul Grayson he made his way to Northamoton and England

Ubogu back in England squad

By DAVID HANDS

VICTOR UBOGU, left in the international wilderness this season, has been recalled to the England rugby union training squad, which re-assembles at Bisham Abbey today. Ubogu, the Bath tighthead prop, the last of whose 21 caps came against South Africa's year ago, is one of three players added as cover in case injuries affect selection today of the XV to play the New Zealand Barbarians at Twickenham on Saturday.

In a perfect world, England would name a team unchanged from that which beat Italy 54-21 last Saturday, but they await medical reports on ason Leonard and the claims of Ben Clarke to the back-row position that he had to concede to Chris Sheasby last week. Clarke, Ubogu and Matthew Dawson, the Northampton scrum half, are added to the squad that faced Italy.



Ubogu: in favour

Leonard, the Harlequins prop, suffered a badly-bruised elbow, but was confident of making the team against the caps will be awarded. If he fails a fitness test, however, Ubogu, 32, provides specialist cover at tight-head. Robin Hardwick, who won his first cap when he replaced Leonard against Italy, plays most of his rugby on the loose-head side.

Gomarsall, the Wasos scrum half, took a knock on his leg, hence the recall of Dawson, the England scrum half last season. Whether there is much virtue in restorare known, is for the selectors to decide; Sheasby did well in

his first international. The England side will be named today, as will the Wales team to play Australia in Cardiff on Sunday. The central debate in Wales is whether Jonathan Davies will return at stand-off half, but David Young, another former rugby league player, could be named at prop after a season of steady advancement.

ENGLAND SOUAD: T Stimp Newcastlei, J Sieigitholme (Bath), W Carling Harlequens, P de Slanville (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), A Adebayo (Bath), M Catt (Bath), A King (Wasps), A Gomerstein (Wasps), K Bracker Isancors), M Dawson (Northampton), G Rowntree (Lecceter), J Leonard (Harlequins), R Hardwick (Coverley), V Ulbogu (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), P Greening (Gloucester), M Johnson (Lecceter), S Shaw (Bristol), T Rodber (Northampton/Army), B Ctarke (Richmood), L Dallaglio (Wasps), M Corry (Bristol), C Sheastly (Wasps)

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By Robert Sheehan, Bridge correspondent Sometimes you can judge that, if you lead a particular suit, a winner in dummy will be ruffed by your parmer but be overruffed by declarer. Nevertheless, it can be the right play, as it kills dummy's winner. In the United States national champion-

ships in August, Peter Weichsel, twice a winner of the world championship, executed a wonderfully deep version of this idea.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

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Dealer North

Samuels groping with a googly and the last ball of a

remarkable over took the out-

side edge, flicked the pad of

Ian Healy and was safely

Lara had batted with con-

spicuous self-restraint in the

first innings, but now he

reverted to type. McGrath almost caught him off his own

bowling and his compulsion to

come down the pitch to Warne

was once close to calamitous;

but he reached the close

Taylor's batting form is far

from fluent, but he is one of

those players who makes runs

even when patently off-colour.

It was easy for nobody yester-

day, the West Indies quick

bowlers performing with such

regimented efficiency that

even Mark Waugh was driven

to frustrated, undignified

slogs in an attempt to hasten

Only Healy played without inhibition, increasing his un-beaten aggregate to 206 in the

match. Healy will remember

this match fondly, but Steve Waugh will not. His groin injury prevented him from taking any part yesterday and

he will miss the second Test,

which begins in Sydney on

looking ominous.

pouched by Taylor at slip.

North-South reached Six Spades after South had shown a very strong 5-5 in clubs and spades, Weichsel (West) found the best opening lead of a heart; declarer took the ace. crossed to the ace of dia-monds, then played a spade to the king and ran the queen of diamonds, discarding his jack of hearts (a "loser-on-loser" play). What would you play

now as West? Weichsel at single-dummy found a defence that might elude many of us looking at all four hands; he ducked the queen of diamonds in tempo. Declarer naturally took another ruffing finesse in diamonds and only now did Weichsel take the king. He continued with a fourth round of the suit. When Bobby Levin. his partner, ruffed this trick. one of declarer's sure winners

Game all

had vanished. The best that declarer could do was to ruff a club in dummy, but Levin overruffed dummy's nine of spades with the ten to take the contract one off.
Notice that, if Weichsel had won the second round of

diamonds, there would have been three discards for declarer's clubs on the diamonds; his defence was absolutely neces-sary to beat the contract. How you should work out the correct defence is to count declarer's tricks: he must have five in spades, one in hearts, two in clubs — and four in diamonds if you take the king at the first opportunity. Tough to do it calmly at the table.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CROUCHBACK a. An English king b. A soldier c. A natterjack toad

APOLLYON a. An angel b. The Sun God c. An aerated drink

WINGED CHARIOT a. Boadicea's battle wagon b. Family saloon rage

c. Time CHILDE ROLAND a. A French hero

b. Baron Triermain c. King Arthur's son

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Champion crushed

As the game today shows, Vladimir Kramnik will be well in contention for one of the top prizes in the Las Palmas competition, which starts on December 8. It is rare that a tournament succeeds in attracting the world's top six players for a double-rounder. Regular reports of results and best games will be appearing in this column.

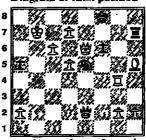
White: Vladimir Kramnik Black: Garry Kasparov PCA Quick Play Moscow, 1994

King's Indian Defence

exd6 Oxf5

36 Ka3 37 Ka4 38 Kb5

39 Ka6 40 Kb7 Diagram of final position



Children's tournament The individual championship last winter for United King-dom schoolchildren attracted 700 schools and 23,000 entrants. Schools or individuals wishing to sign up for the 1996-97 Children's Chess Challenge should contact Save the Children Chess Challenge 1997 on 0181-397 1826.

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Bxh5

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine — Flohr, Bled, 1931. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Alexander Alekhine, the great world champion. Can you spot a typical tactical thrust from

him in this position? Solution on page 46



FOOTBALL

Union says Notley case shows need for support

By DAVID MADDOCK

GORDON TAYLOR, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA). yesterday offered support for Jay Notley, who has tested positive for the use of three different types of drug. Speak-ing at the players' union annual meeting, Taylor called for an expansion of the PFA education programme to help youngsters such as Notley, the Charlton Athletic player. Taylor also unveiled plans

to introduce a Europe-wide transfer system that he hopes will replace the one abolished

under the Bosman ruling. Taylor told delegates that there were important decisions to be taken over both the creation of a new transfer market, which he believes will ultimately help to protect the jobs of his members, and also an education programme to prevent a more widespread use of drugs in football.

Notley will face an inquiry by the FA, but Taylor said that he should be offered a second



Taylor: call for education

chance. "At that age, the emphasis is on re-education rehabilitation," he

"We believe he should be given a second chance. He's game shows a caring side. because the problem is not just for football — it is one for society and it will not go away. No one benefits if he is sacked. the test for us is if we can cure the problem and set an example for other young players to follow."

He told the meeting of representatives from the 92 professional clubs that more efforts were now required from other areas to help to counter what will surely become an increasing problem for all youngsters, including those involved in professional

Pat Nevin, the PFA chairman, explained that his union is channelling more and more funds into educational programmes to help young play-

ers to deal with the pressures that they encounter. He ex-plained that the union, clubs and even the FA must develop a better understanding of the problems that young players

now face.
The profile has definitely increased for footballers and they have to deal with situations that were not there ten years ago," Nevin said. "We have to understand the pressures of young players, but I think it is a very important point that, for all the testing the PFA carries out, there has not been one positive identifi-cation of performance-enhancing drugs. The main problem

is with social drugs.

"If you look at the money we are spending, our largest ex-penditure is on education. We are trying to encourage clubs to follow suit and take on the positive attitudes of the PFA because, ideally, we would like to ensure there is not a drug problem at all within the game."

In a surprising move, Tay-lor also revealed that the union has set in motion a plan to create a new system of compensating clubs that lose players whom they have nurtured from an early age. The Bosman ruling has outlawed transfer fees for players who come to the end of their contracts, but the union wants to see the introduction of what will effectively be a new transfer system.

The union, Taylor said, hopes that football associations across Europe will adopt plans accepted by the members of the PFA yesterday. "If we are not careful, then there is a worry that there will be anarchy when a player comes to the end of his contract because there will be movement all across Europe and it could pose a serious threat to the existence of smaller clubs

in England," Taylor said. "We want to see a system where clubs who have taken on trainees and developed them into professional players should receive some form of compensation for their investment in that player.

"We have been in discussion with Uefa and they are in agreement with our suggestion that we have to look at a training period up to the age of 21, and then contracts which allow for compensation based on the training cost and the time that clubs have spent developing that player. We believe that will possibly help to stem the flow of foreign players into the counwhich, if we are not careful, will become torrent."



Djorkaeff's penalty earned a draw in the Milan derby that enhanced Hodgson's prospects of taking the Italian league title with Internazionale

Vintage Hodgson travelling well

Brian Glanville on a contest to try the

emotions of Internazionale's English coach

R oy Hodgson, the Internazionale coach, said that it was hard to give an analysis. "The emotion of the game was so great. I'll see it on video, two days later," he said. "Twenty minutes after the game is too soon for me." The game was the Milan

derby on Sunday, in which Internazionale had, in drawing I-I, just about survived against AC Milan. The derby was Hodgson's third, none of which he has lost, and came just four days after he had agreed a £600,000-a-year taxfree contract with Inter, which runs until July 1999. He was speaking at the

post-match press conference in Italian, which he picked up quickly after his arrival from Switzerland 14 months ago. though the accent remains defiantly English. During a remarkable man-

agerial career, he has had to learn Swedish, winning the Swedish championship five times in a row, with Malmo, then to brush up his French when he moved to Neuchâtel Xāmax. After that came his appoint-

ment to the Switzeralnd national team, which he took. triumphantly, to the World Cup finals of 1994, its first since 1966, and to the finals of the European championship this year, for the first time. The son of a Croydon bus

successes have been consis-

driver, never more than an obscure journeyman footballer, Hodgson's managerial

tent. He is the first Englishabysmal pitch at the San Siro. man to manage Inter since Jesse Carver 40 years ago. If victim of the folly of erecting, in 1990, an extra "ring", a Inter, just a point off the top, surrounding roof, that prevents the winds from getting do win the Italian championship, then Hodgson, 49, will be the first English manager

to win the title since Carver, with Juventus, in 1951. As for this Milan derby, it is fair to say that the occasion, overwhelming even for Hodgson, dwarfed the football. Overall it was a poor, error-ridden, sporadic match had as many holes as a colander, were extremely

lucky not to lose. Milan derbies do tend to be frantic affairs. In the Sixties, when catenaccio was king and a sweeper played behind man-markers, I remember a derby in which play seldom ran for more than a minute at a time before a player fouled his opponent. More recently I saw a derby won by Milan, for whom Mark Hateley, the former England striker, scored with a marvellous,

swooping header. This derby would surely have been better had the lorries arrived from France. The giant lorries, that is to say, which were carrying the turfs needed to repair the to the ground. So it is that rainwater gathers round the roots of the grass and the

pitch cuts up terribly. The lorries were held up by the drivers' strike in France. They will, alas, continue to be needed. Still, the stadium is majestic, and with 79,000 spectators, the billows of red oke from the Milan end the thundering choruses, the derby remained a dramatic event whatever happened on the stricken field.

Catenaccio is no longer ubiquitous. Both sides played four-in-line defences, but to say that Inter lived dangerously would be giving them the best of it.

Tor most of the game, they were dicing with death, relying on an offside trap that broke down with embarrassing frequency. Three times the trap that would not spring let in Roberto Baggio, the "Divine Ponytail". After a mere couple of minutes he scored; twice, deplorably, he missed.

In the second half Boban,

the Croatia international, was clean through, only for Paganin, the Inter stopper, to clear off the line then get himself booked for protesting too strongly that Boban was offside. Late on Boban would miss again when a long cross by Savicevic found him unmarked on the left-hand post.

At the same end Ivan Zamorano, the Chile striker, was most likely offside when. ten minutes after Baggio's goal, Inter equalised. Even on conceded it. Ciriaco Sforza, the Switzerland international for whom Hodgson worked so hard to bring to Inter, neatly headed the ball on. Zamorano was brought down by Maldini as he chased; Djorkaeff put away the penalty. Yet Hodgson was insistent that Baggio, just before half-time, was offside when Desailly, creator of his goal, put him through again.

Baggio missed.
"If that wasn't offside," Hodgson lamented, "I don't know what offside is. The linesman put his flag up then put it down again; I don't know why." When you take into ac-

count that Baggio, sent clear by Boban, had already missed with just Pagliuca, the

SQUASH

REAL TENNIS

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VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE Women's first di-

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women's first di-vision; Stizenia Music City bt Essex Estonians 15-9, 15-6, 15-6: Astrombe Guidind bt Leede 15-5, 15-11, 15-11; Snelfield Wednesday bt Reebolk Liverpool Cay 16-14, 16-12, 4-15, 12-15, 15-11; Snedke Free Bieningtem bt Orpington 15-12, 14-16, 15-12, 15-8.

points at the Inter defence. Of

the back four, only Angloma,

the France right back, looks a player of true quality.

It was surprising too, that
Aron Winter, the Holland
international midfield player,
should stay on the bench until
the last minute. Salvatore Fresi, the young defender whom Hodgson has turned into a midfield player, did little of consequence.

Paul Ince, whose career Hodgson virtually re-suscitated when he took over at Inter and played him in centre midfield, twist-ed an ankle after a quarter of an hour. "He played on in pain," Hodgson said.

That restricted him more that will result in yet another suspension. On Thursday, meanwhile, Uefa, the European governing body of foot-ball, will decide on how long to suspend George Weah, Milan's adroit and powerful Liberian centre forward, aiways a threatening presence in the derby match.

Last Wednesday in Porto,

Weah broke the nose with a head-butt of Jorge Costa, of FC Porto, his tormentor. There is talk that Weah may initially be given only a one match European ban to take the heat out of a case to be reviewed in the spring. Inter. have nobody quite like Weah. or, frankly, like the indomitable Franco Baresi, 36, Milan's captain and centre back

IN BRIEF

February 4 date for Lewis title rematch

LENNOX LEWIS'S rematch with Oliver McCall for the World Boxing Council heavyweight title has been sched-uled for February 7, but the venue has still to be finalised, with Las Vegas joining the Wembley Arena and Atlantic City as prospective sites.

Lewis's camp had expected the contest to be on January 24. so he has now delayed going to his training head-quarters in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. "We are holding him back a bit longer," Panos Eliades, his British promoter, said "Remember, Lennox has already done four weeks' training."

Winning start

Cricket A century from Ben Hollioake enabled England Under-19s to start their four of Pakistan with a 58-run oneday victory over Rawalpindi Under-19s. Hollioake hit an umbeaten 133 to help England to 273 for three. Rawalpindi could muster only 215 for six from their 45 overs, Jonathan Powell taking three for 38.

Goode goes

Badminton: Andy Goode, the Great Britain manager at the 🐔 Olympic Games in Atlanta, has not had his contract renewed. The job is being advertised with a new title. director of performance. A leading candidate is Billy. Gilliland, a Commonwealth. gold medal-winner for Scotland in 1986, who has been working as coach to Canada. Goode has been told that he can apply, despite Britain's poor display in Atlanta.

Bray in final

Real tennis: Chris Bray, the Petworth head professional, and Mike Happell, the Australian amateur, survived the tightest of five-set matches defeat James Male and Julia Snow, the European One champions, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2 6-5 in a semi-final of the British Open championship at Queen's Club.

Hall appointed

Golf: Julie Hall, the former British women's amateu champion, has been appointed secretary of the Ladies' Golf Union (LGU) in succession to Elaine Mackie. Hall. 29, who retired from top-flight amateur golf in June after Great Britain and Ireland's Curtis Cup victory, became the LGU's tournament secretary earlier this year.

Grat prevails

Tennis: Steffi Graf defeated Martina Hingis 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, 46. 60 in the final of the Women's Tennis Association tour championship at Madison Square Garden late on Sunday. It was Graf's fifth end-of-season title in the past nine years.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS Fell running SILSDEN, West Yorkshire: Rivock Edge Hill Race (10M, 1500th, Merc 1, K Surat (Halifar) thr U7mm 20sec, 2, A Whatey (Pudsey and Brantley) 109-39; 3, M Horrocks (Calder Valley) 1-08-40; 4, S Green (Pudsey and Brantley) 159-39, 40. Over 40: S Oldfield (Bradford Aradale, seventh) 1:09 12, Over 45: S Moss (Sperborough) 1:17.50, Over 45: S Moss (Sperborough) 1:17.50, Over 50: G Howard (Ridey) 1:22-49 Women: 1, K Drake (Sperborough, W35, 72nd) 1.15:59: 2, E Ball (Valley) Sinders, W35, 96th) 1:18:37, 3, A Isdale (Bingley) 1:33:15, Over 40: J Provise (Karghiey Hill Runners) 1.34:34 BALLROOM DANCING

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7-2, 7-6. Semi-finals: Diment b! Wikir's 7-1, 6-7, 7-3; Williams b! Philips 5-7, 7-5, 7-3 Final: Williams b! Diment 6-7, 7-3, 7-2 TOUR MATCH: Rawelpindi (one day) England under-19 273-3 (a) C Hollecale 133 not out); Rawelpindi under-19 215-6 England beat Rawelpindi by 58 n.ns CYCLING

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Reading v Birmingham (7.45)
Sheffield United v Swindon (7.45)

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OTHER SPORT REAL TENNIS: British Open (at Queen's CAUC). SNOOKEA: LIK chempionship (all Processes)

Cheltenham hit as grass-roots support withers

CHELTENHAM racecourse is to ask leading trainers why they are shunning the headquarters of National Hunt racing after only 23 runners were declared for today's £42,500-added six-race card. The poor turnout comes less than two weeks after the threeday Murphy's meeting, at which small fields were the norm, and there is genuine concern over trainers and running none. owners refusing to run their horses at Cheltenham.

Edward Gillespie, managing director of the course, said yesterday: "Like any business. if people stop shopping with you, you need to find out where they have gone and why. We want to speak to our customers to find out."

Cheltenham's task is simplified because a small number of trainers are responsible for a disproportionately large number of runners. During the past two years, ten trainers have provided 37 per cent of runners at meetings leading up to the Festival in March. Of those, five - Nigel Twiston-Davies, David Nicholson, Martin Pipe, Josh Gifford and Philip Hobbs -- filled 24 per cent of the races.

Gillespie insisted that the ground was the same as it was on the Sunday of the Murphy's meeting — a mixture of good to firm and good. "It is not unusual ground for Cheltenham at this time of year and you would expect half-decent fields. Instead, we have fields you would expect on firm ground in October."

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright

suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

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However, the initial reaction from trainers yesterday was that runners will continue to be scarce at Cheitenham while the word firm remains in the going description. Nigel Twiston-Davies, who has had far more runners at Cheltenham than any other trainer during the past two seasons, originally had six horses entered for today's racing but is

"We live near to Cheltenham and had about five pints of water over the weekend, but the racecourse only got six millimetres. It never seems to rain there and the ground is firm. I have lots of nice horses

Nap: BETTY'S BOY (2.10 Cheltenham) Next best: Wee Windy (1.15 Huntingdon)

ready to run but I'm not risking them on firm ground. Given that Cheltenham has three courses, I wonder if they watered one course a lot more than the others that might help. If there was a sudden deluge they could transfer the racing to a differ-

Cheltenham has responded to the criticism of its turf husbandry by calling in Peter Winter, from the Sports Turf Research Institute, to provide an independent report on the state of the grass.

The low turnout is likely to Imperial Vintage (3.20).

reduce the number of specta tors taking advantage of the free food on offer at Cheltenham this afternoon - and could leave an insurance firm with a \$1 million headache. Serenity Prayer, an American hurdler who has won two Sport of Kings races at home, will win the bonus if he beats two rivals in the Newent Hurdle and wins the final race of the series at Cheltenham on December 14.

Cho Williams

The Channel 4 coverage is particularly badly hit with just nine runners for its three races, but one does offer a betting opportunity. At Sandown 17 days ago, Grey Smoke finished a good second to Inchcailloch, with Betty's Boy 14 lengths away in third. With Incheailloch having followed up at Ascot on Satur-Henrietta Knight's runner is likely to be sent off favourite for the VFB Holi-

days Handicap Chase (2.10). However, Betty's Boy was given a considerate ride at Sandown and, after travelling as well as his rivals turning for home, was not given a hard time when lack of peak fitness told. Despite being only 5lb better off with Grey Smoke, Betty's Boy can repay the especially as the Knight stable

is going through a quiet spell. Mandys Mantino can maintain his unbeaten record in the Newent Hurdle (2.45) for the in-form Josh Gifford, while Hanakham may have the edge in a match with

The Grey Monk has a stranglehold on betting for the

Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday as result of an impressive defeat of Jodami on his seasonal

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Dublin Flyer tackles the Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon this afternoon

Gales Cavalier to surprise

HUNTINGDON **CHANNEL 4**

2.25: Marlousion and Lady High Sheriff were not far behind the well-regarded Potter's Gale at Towcester 12 days ago and should be thereabouts. Josh Gifford's horses are in cracking form and Gentle Breeze's two runs over hurdles suggest she should appreciate today's step up in trip.

Seymourswift won a good battle with Mr Cotton Socks at Newton Abbot and has obvious claims, but may find it tough giving 7lb to Gaye Fame. From the same family as Gaye Brief and Gaye Chance, she won a bumper in good style at Fontwell last term and jumps well at home.

3.00: Dublin Flyer is the clear form choice but there are sound reasons for thinking twice before rushing in to take short odds about Tim Forster's popular chaser. Although he is physically none the worse for slipping before three out in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham ten days ago when in contention, who knows what the incident may have done to his confidence? Secondly, he may not be able to dictate the pace with Gales Cavalier, another front runner, in opposition. Thirdly, Dublin Flyer is

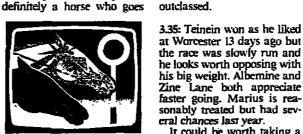


ON TELEVISION best when fresh, with most of his wins being recorded after

a decent break. Gales Cavalier failed to see out the three miles behind Unguided Missile at Haydock six days ago and had 2.10. 2.45, 3.20: see left. looked in need of the run on his seasonal debut behind

which saw him beat Viking Flagship in April could produce an upset over his ideal

Kadi was a useful performer two seasons ago but has a lengthy absence to overcome, while the remainder look outclassed.



eral chances last year. It could be worth taking a risk with Chef Comedien. who has not run for some time but possesses some good Irish form. Richard Dunwoody is an interesting booking for his British debut.

CHELTENHAM CHANNEL 4

RICHARD EVANS

CHELTENHAM

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1.35 Pongo Waring

2.45 Mandys Mantino 3.20 Imperial Vintage 3.55 Tarrs Bridge

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

1.00 CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE OF THE YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,469 2m 5f) (4 runners)

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1.35 LANSDOWN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,721, 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners) 1.0-P112 PONGO WARRIG 28 (F.G.S.) (Mass H Knight) Mass H Knight 7-12-0 .
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44-222- GENALLA STAR 286 (S) HAMP Thompson (C Brooks 7-11-11 . M
142-32-P2 HAMSY KRUTH 10 (G) M Weston I Weston 16-11-2
P312572- PARILS C-MORE 229 (Choore Sci Partners) J M ##Commortee 8-10-13 .
F-20122 BALLYLINE 13 (G) (49 Partners) W Yamp 5-10-12 .

1995 RIVAGE BLEU 8-18-1 G Upton (12-1) J King 8 rat 2.10 VFB HOLIDAYS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,762, 3m 1f) (4 runners)

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BETTING. 5-4 Grey Smoke, 2-1 Balliv's Boy, 4-1 Capper Misse, 5-1 Yorksture Gale

2.45 NEWENT HURDLE For the Sport of Kings Challenge, £7,355; 2m 110yd) (3 runners)

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FORM FOCUS SERIENTLY PRAYER, winner of 6 of his 10 hardle taces in North America, beat No Hot Shot 11/4 in 8- inner fixed hundle at Pine Mountain (2m 31 hrm) MANDY'S MANTINO beat Linke Buck, 41 in 4-

3.20 EVERYMAN THEATRE ROBIN HOOD NOVICES CHASE (£5.789; 3m 1f) (2 runners)

BETTONG: 4-5 Hanakham, Evens Impenal Vintage

1995: SOUNDS STRONG 6-11-2 W Marston (13-8) D Nicholson 4 ran FORM FOCUS

HAMAKHAM beal Stormiracker 171 m 4-tunner handicap chase at Leicester (3m, good to firm)
http://www.marcham.com/chase at Leicester (3m, good to firm)

3.55 GO RACING IN IRELAND NATIONAL HUNT MOVICES HURDLE (£3,501; 3m 2f) (4 numers)

1 5000-11 TARRS BRIDGE 28 (5) (Tuesday Swidcae) C Main 5-11-10 J Raition 9C

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3 R229 RARE SPREAD 20 (M Jones) M Pipe 5-11-2 ... C Mainto
4 0002-24 SPACEAGE 6DLD 3 (Spacsage Plastics) 104 7-11-2 G Upton (\$) BETTING: 4-7 Taris Bridge, 9-4 Speciage Gold, 8-1 Rate Spread, 12-1 News From Ata 1995; WISLEY WONDER 5-11-10 C Llewellyn (4-5 law) N Tracton-Dames 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

2.00 DANCING FLOOR SELLING STAKES

A P McCoy N Williamson C O'Dwyer A Maguine J Osborne M Dwyer

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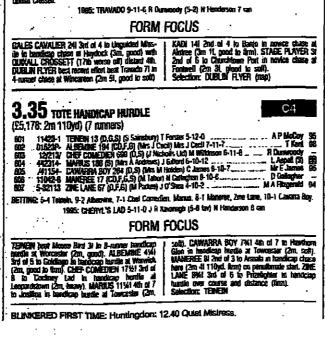


prentice was banned for five

days at Wolverhampton yes-

terday. He was about seven lengths clear on Dragonjoy entering the final furlong of the George Fischer-Installex

Claiming Stakes, but eased down and was caught on the line by Honestly.



Andrew Harrison differential profession of

1995: FAIRY PARK 10-11-0 Jecord Oliver (71-10 lav) H Oliver 4 par

1995: MERBLENA 5-10-9 K Gaule (5-2) & Hobbard 5 ran

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Going: good to soft 1,00 (2m 6l 110yd hdle) 1. Emerald Statement (G Hogan, 5-1), 2. Forest Muss, 16-4 lay; 3. Ross Daroer (10-1) 10 lan NR Wanstead, 24, 8t. D Grassell, Toter, 25-40, 21-50, 21-30, 24-00 DF, 210-60 Thor-

22.50 CSF \$12.75

1.30 (2m II 110vd hdiel I, Boardroom Shuffle (P hdie, 8-11 tan) 2, Splendid Throne 15-1) 3, Farriasy Line (8-1) 7 (an 10. 134 J Gifford, Tota £1 50, £1 40, £1 50 £1 60 EF £3 00 CSF £5 50

2.00 (2m ch) 1, Scoreshest (P hdie, 4-1), 2, Resehbort (100-30), 3, National Flag (25-1), 3, Resehbort (100-30), 3, National Flag (25-1), 2, Beachbort (100-30), 3, National Flag (25-1), 3, Edited Total £5, £2 30, £1, 10 £3 40, EF £5 00, E5 40, EF £9 00, Tio £133 40 CSF £17 38 Ticast: £271.42

2.50 (2m 61 110vd hdie) 1, Nick The Beak (G Supple, 6-1); 2, Glen Marage (20-1), 3 Fleur De Tel (14-1) Whitsiding Buck 7-2 (as typu) 10 ms. NR* Durshen, Martame President, 31-1, 9, J.Upson, Tota £9 10, £2 00, £5 60, £5.40 DF, £123,40 Tim £212-20 CSF £102 32 Traset: £1,488 98.

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Incast: \$1,488.98.
3.00 (3m 2l ch) 1, Funcheon Gale (D Moms, 5-4 tay); 2, Proman Fun (6-1), 3, Jokes Jack; 20-1) 7 ran. 13-), 349. R Curis, Toter £7 70. \$1.60, 12.30. DF, E19.80 CSF £11.08.
3.30 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Bulla Vogue (D O'Sulfian, 11-1); 2. Supermer Tropodyre (25-1); 3, Pland Mard (12-1), Royal Ruler 2-1 bay 14 fan -14, 2-4 if Rower Tote: \$16.10; £3.50, £5.80, £5.90 DF £712.10 (part won. Pool of £262.34 carried forward to 12-40 Huntingdon boday). The £717.120 CSF £252.95. Placepot, £2,991,40. Quadpot: £323.90.

Wolverhampton Going: standard:
12,50 (Im 11 Tsyd) 1, Cedez Le Passage (M. Henry, S-1); 2, Yeoman Oliver (3-1), 3, Just Henry (6-4 tsy) 10 can 3-4, 3:1 K. Curningham-Brown. Tote: 27,50: 62-40, 21,10, £1,30, DF; £15-30, Tro: £10-80 CSF;

E30.95.
1.20 (6) 1. Neughty Pistol U F Egan, 9-2 g-feyl, 2. How's Yer Father (11-2) 3 Supertor (9-2 g-feyl, 13 ran, Mr. XI P Evens, Tote, 67.20; £200, §17.0; £2.30 DF: £23.50 Tro. £18.90, CSF: £26.20 Troaser £109.54

122 du CSF 130 de 2.50 (fm 100yd) 1, Helio Dolly (D Sweeney, 11-2); 2, Cheko; (33-1), 3 Double Espresso (64 lay), 9 ran H.O, 31 K Burhe Tote, 57 60; 52.30, E40, 51 10 DF 512570 Trics 152.30, E40, 51 10 DF 512570 Trics 152.30, E40, 51 10 DF 512570 Trics 152.30, E40, 51 10 DF 512570 Trics 182-00 Corr 25-00-11 (2016) 2-1 g-120 (7) 1. Rechulin (D R McCabe, 2-1 g-189): 2. Superbelle (2-1 g-tav) 3. Colors Cholos (12-1) 12 ran 1 (4) 101 D Loder Tota 5:300, 5:140, 5:110, 5:2.30 DF, 53:80 Trior 5:18-50, CSF 58:77

Trior \$18.50. CSF \$28.77
3.50 (1m 48) 1. Greenspan (Dane O'Neal, 8-11 far); 2. Whreszash (8-1), 3. Forzar (10-1), 12 ran, 9. %) W Mus Tore \$1.80. \$1.40, \$2.80, \$2.30. DF- \$1.37.0 Trio \$58.00 CSF \$12.13 Bought in 13.600gms
4.20 (66) 1. Chin Born Born (G. Faulfinet, 10-1); 2. Desert Invader (10-1), 3. Miss. Alagon (4-1 fi-fav), 41 Shaeti 4-1 fi-fav, 13 ran 7t, 5th fall, M Bell, Tote \$12.40, \$5.10, \$1.520, \$2.90. DF- \$24.30. Trio. \$255.80. CSF \$1115.69 Tricast \$1.499.65
Placepoot \$28.90. Quadoot \$7.00. Placepol: 28.90 Quadpot: £7.00.

LINGFIELD PARK

11.50 Awesome Power. 12.20 Whisper Low. 12.50 Noble Hero, 1.20 Broughtons Formula. 1.50 Persian Conquest 2.20 Friendly Brave. 2.50 Montone. 3.20 Hawaii Storm.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 11.50 DANCING FLOOR SELLING STAKES

(Div I: £1.388. 1m 2f) (14 runners)

12.20 FLEURETS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0. £2,282: 5f) (10)

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5-2 Domestant Aur., 3-1 Seresse's Wephere, 6-1 Fruitare, 7-1 Just Loui Milcullen Lad. 10-1 Lightwing Bott. 12-1 others

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3	4533	REX MUNCH 21 (F) P Evens 4-9-9 A Company 11
4	5401	GUEST ALLIANCE 14 (C,6) & Moore 4-9-8 Gandy Morris 10
5	8108	PLOW BACK 11 (6) 6 Swight 4-9-6 Al Adams 6
6	3516	HOWQUA RIVER 36 (G) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-0
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7	9002	ROWLANDSONS CHARM 12 (V) B Sanders 3-8-13
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		S Sanders 13
B	3106	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 14 (B) W Musson 6-8-10
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3-1 Bagshot, 5-7 Persian Conquest 6-1 Angithe Fiddle, 7-1 Arcatura, 8-1 Our Shadee, Hata Sunshine, 18-1 Eastleigh, 12-1 others 2.35 MAURICE ROBERTSON BIRTHDAY 1 0000 DOUBLE BLUE 21 (D.F.G.S.) M Johnston 7-10-0 M Roberts 11 2 0041 DUKE VALENTINO 10 (CD.G.) R Hodenshead 4-9-11 D Grants (5) 9 4-1 Dake Valentino, 5-1 Prima Salu, 6-1 Imposing Time, 7-1 Double Blue, 8-1 Kings Harmony, 10-1 Deeply Vale, Purple Fling, 12-1 others. 3.10 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (Qualifier Div I: £2,616: 1m) (12) NDICAP (Qualifier DIV I: £2,616; 1m) (12) 9 0000 DANCING LAWYER 11 (CD,F,G) B Meeten 5-9-13 M Tethodf 10 9 0064 SWEET SUPPOSN 29 (V,CD,G) C Dwye 5-4-8... C Dwyer 5 9 2030 ERRANT 12 (CD,BF,G) D Coopton 4-9-4.... J Duton 7 9 2030 JTMACS 724.1 (7-6) P Harris 3-9-4.... A McGlone 9 9 0055 WAFT 28 B Hets 3-9-1... D Holland 4 9 0104 MONTONE 19 (V,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 6-9-0. D Harrison 4 9 7 3005 TIME FOR TEA 12 C Cycle 3-0-11.... M Roberts 6 7 3005 TIME FOR TEA 12 C Cycle 3-0-11.... M Moberts 6 9 2004 SODY TERN 14 (CD,F,G,S) Bezdley 9-8-8. F Lynch (3) 3 9 -006 CADDYS FIRST 15 (V,G) S Mellor 4-8... M Wigham 1 1 1813 PULLY PECULIAR 17 (CD,F,G,S) B Smart 5-8-5 S Sanders 12 4000 SAPPHRE SON 12 (C,G) P Carte 4-8-... Damic O'Nell 11 Pully Peculiar Illimon 7 268 3-1 Sweet Sunosish Letton Walk Walk.



COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANGERS: C Thomkon, 3 numers from 3 romers, 33.3%, Lord Huntingdon, 50 farm 233, 21.5%, J Berry, 34 from 158, 21.5%, M Prescott, 26 from 131, 19.6%, P Harris, 16 from 61, 19.6%, L Montager Hall, 8 from 42, 19.0% JOCKEYS: Emmra O'Gorman, 36 ekoners from 175 ndes, 20.6%, M Roberts, 22 from 138, 17.2%; D Holland, 23 from 148, 15.8%, D Michaeum, 21 from 138, 15.2%, A Cultiane, 4 from 27, 14.3%, F Lynch, 5 from 35, 14.3%

Lure of gold card attracts players of different strokes

From John Hopkins, golf correspondent, at san roque, spain

AS THE world of golf broadens to include more young men who have done little since leaving school other than hit golf balls, there is evidence that not every entrant to the professional game has come to it the conventional way. Take Stewart Cronin and Bryan Ingleby, for example. in 1989, Cronin was a

commis chef at a Walsall hotel. He earned £27.50 a week and had a golf handicap of five. That same year Ingleby, who was in his first year at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, was studying chemical engineering and playing off scratch. Yesterday the two men, now 25 and professionals, were striving to win a place on the European Tour next year at the qualifying

Cronin wears spectacles and has a receding hairline, which combine to give him an earnest look. "Professional golf was all I really wanted to do," he said. "I have come a long way in a very short time. I feel I have missed out. A lot of the lads played county golf. It would have been nice to have done that, but circum-

stances prevented it." He and Ingleby share a sense of purpose that marks them out from the other 75 competitors, and it was not just because Ingleby was one of the few who pulled his own

trolley. It was as if they were more sure of themselves and more mature than most of their rivals because golf had not completely dominated

their recent lives. Ingleby, for instance, could have started working for Arthur Andersen, the accountants, when he left from Cambridge, but, in the summer of 1994, he decided, instead, to turn professional and has since spent his time on mini tours in the United

States and Europe. "It has been expensive, but

worth it." Ingleby said. "I have just about paid for myself with my prize-winnings and I'll keep at it so long as my stroke average keeps improving. It was 74 last year and is 73.4

this year.
"Playing professional golf is something I needed to do to see how good I could become. My parents have been very supportive of me. They know it is open-ended, but only so long as I continue to do well."

Cronin and Ingleby will discover today whether they are good enough to compete alongside Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam in Europe

With one round remaining

and cards available only to the leading 40 players, both will have their work cut out to get into that group. Brian Davis, the leader, is eight under par, Cronin eight over and lying joint-sixtieth, while Ingleby, at 12 over, is better only than three players in the 77-strong field. Mike McLean, a former tour winner, had an 80 and is 14 over par and Although the San Roque course seemed benevolent in the strong sunshine, only 13 men could beat its par of 72 as the pressure of this competition began to take its toll. Cronin went round in 74, Gordon Sherry's 75 was his second worst round so far and he is joint-36th; Stephen Gallacher equalled his best score so far, 72, and is joint-If, as seems likely. Cronin and Ingleby fail to gain their cards, they will be better able

Ingleby, 20 shots off the lead, cuts a lonely figure as he plays to the 1st green yesterday

BOXING

Graham

keen to

cash in

By SRIKIMAR SEN

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

HEROL GRAHAM returns to

the ring tonight in Sheffield.

He has not boxed for four

years and is 37 years old. In

Graham was by far the best

boxer in Britain and is best

remembered as the man who

was impossible to hit: so much

so that even Chris Eubank

refused to meet him. Graham,

though, having seen his imita-

tors make good money, has

decided to come back and see

if he has enough left in him to

However, those who saw

him knocked out by Julian

Jackson in 1990 and then

stopped two years later in nine

rounds by Frank Grant, of

Bradford, wonder if his reflexes can be sharp enough to

keep him out of trouble in the

Graham's reflexes were the never the same after his

knockout by Jackson. His loss

of speed and timing was evident when he failed to

avenge his defeat by Sumbu Kalambay in 1992. Kalambay

was then well past his best. Graham's claims that, for

his bout with Grant, he had

not been himself because he

cash in.

49ers strike golden seam of quarterbacks

to cope with the disappoint-

ment for having known some-

thing other than golf. "I have

been better for coming here

this week," Cronin said, "but I

have not been overawed."
Ingleby said: "I have real-

ised I am not out of my depth.

I have earned the right to be

here. I have let my golf speak

for itself. The pressure is off

me because I know this is not

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: YOUNG RETURNS TO PLOT DRAMATIC DOWNFALL OF WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Ingleby in 77.

WITHOUT John Elway, Denver Broncos would be rudderless. Deprived of Brett Favre, Green Bay Packers would not be half the team that they are. At San Francisco 49ers. though, things are different. Quarterbacks come and go, understudies step up and step

charge on. in recent games, Elvis Grbac has stood in for a battered and bruised Steve Young, who seems to have been reeling from concussion to concussion, and San Francisco have hardly broken stride. They did lose narrowly to Dallas Cowboys two weeks ago, but Grbac propelled them to a comfortable victory over Baltimore Ravens last

On Sunday Young led the 49ers to a critical and hardfought win over Washington

National Football Conference (NFC) rivals and a team who, before the game at the RFK Stadium in Washington, held an identical record of eight wins and three losses.

Young completed 33 of 41 passes for a total of 295 yards.

RESULTS: Battimore 26 Jacksonville 28: Buffalo 35 New York Jets 10: Chicago 31 Detroit 14: Cincinneti 41 Atlanta 31: Houston 6 Carolina 31; Kansas City 14 San Diego 28; Minne-sota 17 Derwer 21; New England 27 Indianapolis 13: Tampa Bay 13 New Orleans 7: Washington 16 San Fran-cisco 19; Artzona 36 Philadelphia 30; New York Glants 20 Dallas 6; Seattle 21 Oaldand 21; SI Louis 9 Green Bay 24. FIXTURES: Thursday: Detroit y Kanses

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paving the way for two touchdowns. The second, scored late in the game by Terry Kirby, a running back, took the match into overtime and Jeff Wilkin, the 49ers' kicker, sealed the win result with his fourth field goal of the game. The 49ers are now level with

ICE HOCKEY

Panthers let

prey get

away twice

By Norman de Mesquita

IT WAS a bad weekend for

Nottingham Panthers, beaten

at home by Ayr Scottish

Eagles and away by Man-chester Storm, and they have

only Bracknell Bees below

them in the Superleague

Against Ayr, Derek Laxdal

gave them the lead after 21

seconds and they were 2-1 ahead at the end of the first

period, but the Eagles scored

once in each of the second and

third periods and hung on for

a 3-2 win. Jeff Hoad had a

wonderful opportunity for the Panthers early in the third,

but Sven Rampf proved his

over snow-covered roads,

making the journey extremely

difficult and delaying the

game for more than an hour.

It looked at first as though the

Panthers would not be put

out by all their problems and

they were two goals ahead by midway through the first per-

iod, but the Storm scored

three unanswered goals in the second. The teams shared

four goals in the third, but Dale Jago's first of the season

restored the lead for

Manchester and they held on

In contrast, Basingstoke Bi-

son won both of their week-

end games to move into joint-

fifth with Ayr, three points

ahead of the Panthers. At

home to Storm, Bison won

beat Bracknell Bees. Al-

though failing behind after

five minutes. Bison won more

easily than the 5-4 scoreline

for a 5-4 success.

6-4 then

would suggest.

The trip to Manchester was

equal in the Ayr goal.

table.

team in the NFC. Green Bay beat St Louis Rams 24-9 in Missouri courtesy of two more touchdown passes from their quarterback, scores which made Favre only the second guarterback in National Football League history to throw

seasons. The only other man to manage it is Dan Marino, of Miami Dolphins.

In the American Football Conference (AFC), the Broncos extended their domination with a 21-17 win over Minnesota Vikings. It was achieved through a trademark fourthquarter, Elway-led recovery, down throw just 19sec from the end. Elway completed 27 of

36 passes for 334 yards. Denver are way out in front in the AFC, but Buffalo Bills and New England Patriots are helping them to make this year one of the conference's strongest. The Patriots beat Indianapolis Colts 27-13 and the Bills completed another sorry day for New York Jets by thrashing them 35-10. Time is fast running out for Rich Kotite, the Jets' eccentric coach; his team have now lost 11 of their 12 games.

Confident Williams puts Bond in shade

By Phil Yates

IN TERMS of raw potting ability, Mark Williams, from Wales, is unchallenged on the professional circuit. Further evidence of that was supplied yesterday as he built a 6-2 lead over Nigel Bond in the last 16

of the United Kingdom championship at Preston. To coin a well-worn snooker phrase. Williams knocked them in off the lampshades in leaving himself requiring only three of the remaining nine frames this afternoon to secure a quarter-final against John Higgins or Tony Drago.

Williams, up from No 16 to No 3 in the provisional world rankings this season primarily because of his Grand Prix title last month, maintained the fluency that enabled him to defeat Tony Chappel and Yasin Merchant 9-3 in the previous two rounds.

Breaks of 77, 90 and 91 were the highlights of another impressive display from Williams, 21, a left-hander from Ebbw Vale who made his most significant breakthrough by winning the Regal Welsh Open in January. Billy Snaddon, attempting

to reach the last eight of a leading event for the first time, trailed Alan McManus 5-3 at the conclusion of their opening session.

Snaddon missed a simple vellow to a middle pocket on the verge of taking a 2-0 lead. McManus stole the frame on the black and, aided by runs of 72 and 84, accounted for four of the next five to take control.

John Spencer, whose resignation as chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association beat newspaper reports that described Stephen Hendry as

"a Scrooge". Hendry is alleged to have signed a different contract from his fellow competitors at the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in January which frees him from the obligation of spending a day meeting under-privileged children. Stephen has done as much as any player in the game for charity," Spencer said. "As faras I am concerned, he's a terrific ambassador for the

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comes effective on Saturday, yesterday expressed his anger

had been concerned about his sister, who had been attacked shortly before the contest and taken to hospital.

Reports from the gym say that he is looking in good shape for the bout tonight against Terry Ford, a littleknown American, at the Concord Leisure Centre. Ford is not a puncher and has been beaten three times in 16 Graham, who came close to winning the world middleweight title twice, is now boxing as a super-middle-

Answers from page 43 CROUCHBACK

(a) and (b). Guy Crouchback is the unlucky, crucily described anti-hero of Evelyn Wangh's Sword of Honour trilogy. One cannot but think that there are echoes of self-portrait and selfpity in the caustic web of Guy's wartime experiences. Crouchback is also the Tudor spin doctors' name for Richard III, drawing attention to a deformity nobody mentioned when he was alive. **APOLLYON**

(a) The angel of the bottomiess pit. The Destroyer, Revelation, ix. il. He is one of the many unpleasant characters with revealing names, including Mr Worldly Wiseman and Giant Despair, encountered by Christian in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. WINGED CHARIOT

(c) Time. But at my back I always hear! Time's winged chariot hurrying near.! And youder all before us lie! Deserts of vast eternity. From To His Cop Mistress by Andrew Marvell. This is a charming and seductive love poem in the carpe diem mode, erotically pitched to steal your breath away. CHILDE ROLAND

(c) The King of Effland kidnapped Burd Ellen, Roland's sister. However, he resence her. "Child Roland to the dark tower came,! His word was still, Fie, foh, and fum.! I smell the blood of a British man." King Lear III, 4. For once Shakespeare flipped his lid, with this obvious conflation of the ballad with the fairy. tale Jack, the Giant-Killer.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Times past for ever

What distinguishes this programme from others that dig up and what distinguishes this programme from others that dig up and scrutinise newspaper stories from times past is that, as the title says, strutinise newspaper stories from times past is that, as the title says, it is a random selection. A computer picks the year. In the lucky dip today, the year is 1903. Next week it is 1651. As there is absolutely no danger that the electronic selector will pick a year when nothing happened at all, this resumed series could run for ever—or, at any happened at all, this resumed series could run for ever—or, at any happened at all, this resumed series could run for ever—or, at any happened at all, this resumed series could run for ever—or, at any tate, for as long as the rata-tat delivery of Peter Snow, the presenter, does not show any sign of running itself into the ground. The format itself is similar to On This Day (Radio 4, LW, 10.15am), except that Random Edition examines only one source of news each time. Today it is the Daily Mail.

Personal Records Radio 4, 2.30pm.

For a split second, the mask of comedy slips. Bob Monkhouse is showing Jeremy Nicholas his vast collection of records, showing Jeremy Nicholas his vast collection of records. Astonishment from Nicholas, torrents of enthusiasm from Monkhouse as he records his indebtedness to radio comedy proneers such as Tommy Handley and Ronald Frankau, his admiration for coward and Bernstein's Candide. Then we almost hear the grin freeze. The master of quick-fire improvisation says that he is nearly from the fact that he has outlived many of those who loathed him and from the knowledge that the young carry no baggage of resentment against him from the past. Peter Davaile

7.00 cm Chris Evans, includes Traffic Update with Tine Fichie 9.00 Shmon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson, includes et 1.40 pm Soul Classic 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Metk Goodier, includes at 5.30-6.45 Newsbest 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 Cling Film with Mask Kermode and Mary Anne Hobbs 10.00 Mark Radolffe, live from Marichester 12.00 Claire Sturgess, includes 1.15 cm The Net 4.00 Clive Warren

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10.35 Budget Statement by the Exchequer.

10.45 Book at Baddimer Archy and Mediumwave. This week's events in the media (r)

11.30 I was That Teenager.

Gany Bushell, the Sun's TV critic casts himself back to his teens in the 1970s when Saturdays were spent selling the Socialist Worker and performing Monty Python with his mates (FM) (r)

12.00 News Incl 12.27am approx Westher 12.30 The Latte Book Carol, by Patricia Highsmith (2/12) (r)

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can go unquestioned for decades, it seems. People suspected of senility or Alzheimer's, for example, are still asked "What day of the week is it?" and judged by the accuracy of their reply. Little does it matter that they can recite the first chapter of Jane Eyre, or remember exactly where they left their cheque book. If they think it's Tuesday when it's Wednesday (like most people, actually), theoretical-

Last night's absorbing Horizon (BBC2) exposed the same sort of logical deficiencies in diagnostic tests for "persistent vegetative state". How do you test whether a person in a coma can hear and understand? Conventionally, you ask them to make physical movements: "Can you move your hand?" But this is barmy, as was demonstrated. What does it prove when the hand remains still? Crucially, it doesn't rule out the

possibility that a person's mind could be buried alive, undamaged inside a paralysed body.

That's what Horizon was about - the suggestion that in 500 cases in this country (the estimate some-times dropped to 100), a mind might be active without outward sign. Geoffrey, for example, was diagnosed as a lost cause, but when given a buzzer for answering "yes" and "no", was discovered intact. Nobody knew what had happened to Geoffrey: he'd boarded a train at Haslemere, and was found later with his skull broken. He was swiftly diagnosed as vegetative, despite the protests of his mother, who insisted he was alert. Challenging medical opinion was hard work, she said - though the analogy "like bashing your head against a brick wall" was surely an unfortunate choice of words.

things out on a computer screen, he came back to her like a miracle. "GEOFFREY IS COOL" was his first, confident communication. "Do you know who I am?" she asked him. "Beep," came the answer. So it was cheerful news. In Germany, an inspirational neurologist is pioneering a brain map to identify mental activity; he also uses intensive physical therapy to restart the brain. All that remains, perhaps, is for the word "vegetative" to be looked at more carefully. It smacks too horribly of marrow

ovember Monday nights were made by The Crow Road (BBC2); and to be honest, it's a bit crushing to imagine life without it. The Crow Road was a breezy, Scottish version of Hamlet, with ghosts, dead fathers and wicked uncles, and even battlements if you kept your eyes peeled. "Oh my prophetic

and loam somehow.

REVIEW

Signs of life that are all too easily missed



Lynne Truss

soul, my uncle!" young Prentice might have exclaimed on any number of occasions (having any number of uncles). When it turned out that Uncle Fergus had killed not only Auntie Fiona but also Uncle Rory, a gift for quotation came in handy yet again. Fergus, feigning innocence behind his sandy moustache, smiled and smiled and was a villain.

sweet, questing Prentice was brilliantly cast for the adolescent agonies of love and confusion though the agonies in his case were expressed in the most minimal and quizzical way. Such a sweet boy! He could even be forgiven for inhabiting the same romantic triangle as Hamish Macboth - unrequited love for unattainable blonde, while brunette waits tortured for his call. The difference here, of course, was that while Hamish Macheth's Isabel scowled and wrinkled her nose. the precocious Ashley (beautifully played by Valerie Edmondi kent herself cheerful and attractive while patiently waiting for his

The last great delight of The Crow Road was that when characters died, they stuck around, and always to good purpose. The expansive structure of flashbacks was handled with such elegance Joseph McFadden as the young, and clarity that no sooner was Bill

hormones to catch up with hers.

Paterson dead and buried (for example) than he was communing with his small son on a long-ago beach, choosing the perfect moment to show the closeness they shared, and would always share.

talking of things that are dead but won't lie down. Lenny Henry's Chel! (BBC)) returned with a new series last night amid muted celebrations chez Truss. Despite its general popularity. Chef! has always seemed fatally weak to me. Individual lines last night were admittedly very funny, and the supporting cast (Gustav, Everton) were as good as ever - but the plot was cursory, and for some reason men kept stripping naked to get a laugh. The trouble with Chef!, I think, is that the unpleasant Gareth Blackstock isn't funny enough to merit even the false, canned laughter, and what makes it worse is that Henry doesn't play him straight in any case. Finally, Billy Connolly's World Tour of Australia (BBC1) reached Adelaide and Perth. From his preposterous Harley trike on a pro-

montory, the big grizzled yin waved a pale, approving arm at Adelaide spread below. "It's a really nice place," he said. "A smashing wee town." And you could tell that Western Australia breathed more easily, knowing that the great man had spoken. But much as Connolly's self-love grates continually, there was good stuff in last night's programme, and I liked one particular line of

reasoning, about a sense of intrusion when humans swim blithely in the sea. If people are attacked by sharks, you have to ask "Well, where were they?" And if the answer is, "In the sea" then what sympathy do they deserve? As he so rightly pointed out, "Sharks don't come up to you in Woolworth's and bite you on the arse".

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (77256) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (34607) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T) (6872423) 9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (1072930)

9.45 KILROY (8531404) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK with Kevin Woodford (93292) 11,00 NEW\$ (T) (2324317) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

(4942336) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (6769688) 12.00 NEW\$ (T) and weather (4685317) 12.05pm THE FLYING DOCTORS (2346978) 12.50 A DIFFERENT COUNTRY PRACTICE

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3.50 The All New Popeye Show (t) (1) (8942355) 4.10 Oscar's Orchestra (5342794) 4.35 It'll Never Work Awardwinning science series (T) (1583591) 5.00 Newsround (6038201) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (2150201)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (110572) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (959) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (539)

7.00 HOLIDAY Reports from the French Pyrenees, Puerto Vallaria in coastal Mexico, Ellar in Israel and Scotland's Caledonian Canal (1) (8713) 7:30 EASTENDERS Nigel's mistake leaves Lorraine worried for Joe's safety (T) (423)

8,00 999 LIFESAVERS True stories of heroism and bravery (T) (4133) 8.30 A QUESTION OF SPORT David Coleman, John Parrott and Ally McColst are joined by Stuart Pearce, Simon Geognegan, Alec Stewart and Jane Sixsmith (1) (3268)

9.00 NEWS (T); regional news and weather

9.30 BUDGET BROADCAST by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (T) (760713) 9.40 ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE Comedy series starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (r) (1) (725713) WALES: Week in Week Out 10.10 One Foot in the Grave 10.40 flough Justice 11.30 FA Cup highlights 12.00 Snooker 12.40am-2.15 FILM: Summer School

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But Geoffrey's mother was right.

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live coverage and analysis of Kenneth Clarke's last Budget speech before the general election (T) (28944201) 6.00 SNOOKER Coverage of two third-round matches (26775) 7.30 THE VERDICT: The Bill David Rose

8.00 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE King's College London v Kebie College, Oxford (1) (2775)

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8.30 FOOD AND DRINK Michael Barry and guest chef Robert Camier prepare a vegetarien Italian dish, Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke visit the winemakers of Spain's Rueda Valley (T) (4510)

9.00 SNOOKER Live coverage from Preston Guild Hall as the players pot for a place in the quarter-finals (5220)

Bonding Continuing the series about the marriage of two automobile companies. Employees of both companies meet in an attempt to integrate the English with their new.
German partners (T) (33881)
10.00 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS

Comedy pop quiz chaired by Mark 10.30 BUDGET BROADCAST by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (789881) 10.35 NEWSNIGHT (T) (283572)

11.20 SNOOKER (677607) 11.40 LUCINDA LAMBTON'S ALPHABET OF BRITAIN (r) (T)(266775) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR WITH LESLEY RIDDOCH (89621)

m THE LEARNING ZONE: Open University — Renew able Energies (23737) 1.30 Resources, Environment and Politics (53379) 2.00 Nightschool TV: Geography (30802) 4.00 BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT (31244) 5.00 Inside Europe (83599) 5.30 Film Education (80350)

CHOICE Black Box: Deadly Weather Channel 4, 9.00pm

A four-part series about aeroplane accidents is not calculated to reassure those for whom flying is already a nightmare — and it may seem ghoulish to rake over past tragedies. David Darlow and John Smithson, the team responsible for this and other aviation documentaries, would doubtless retort that they are dealing in science, not titillation. Either way, for those with the stomach for such things there is no shortage of material. All of it in this first programme has been gathered from the United States and the gamered from the United States and the common theme is weather as a safety hazard. Experts pore over the late of the Miami-bound 737 which hit the frozen River Potomac outside Washington in 1982, and near-identical Boeing crashes three years apart in Colorado Springs and Pittsburgh which have still to be explained.

When Rover Met BMW BBC2, 9.30pm

Phil Wood, a Rover engineer posted to Bavaria as part of BMW's bonding exercise, is invited to give his stereotypical view of Germans. He says they are fat and have no sense of humour. It seems he is wrong. They are thin and have no sense of humour. At least, the Longbridge apprentices who also make the trip to Bavaria find their counterparts notably lacking in workplace banter. Achim Spitte, a German engineer who makes the reverse trip to Longbridge, gallantly tries the full English breakfast (a change from the beer and sausage breakfast he gets at home) and says the Brits lack the capacity to draw up a plan and stick to it. You begin to wonder whether this carmakers' marriage will ever work. Meanwhile, it is increasingly clear that the Germans are wearing the lederhosen.

Rough Justice: The Vet's Wife BBC1, 10.15pm (Scotland and Wales 10.40pm; Northern Ireland 11.15pm) Michael Ware presents another case of alleged judicial miscarriage, this time concerning David Ryan James. Last year James, a vet, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for murdering his wife, Sandra, in the family home. She died from a poisonous mixture of drugs and alcohol laced with animals. The jury at Stafford Crown Court took six hours to reach its verdict, which was unanimous. The prosecution claimed that James's motive was financial. Three months before his wife's death he had left her, and their three children, to live with his mistress He killed because he could not afford to keep both women. But Ware's report, which draws on new evidence, suggests that Mrs

Network First: Breaking the Cycle

James took her own life.

ITV, 10.50pm With unruly children much in the news Roger Graef reports on an initiative designed to nip such trouble in the bud. Marlborough House Day Unit in Swindon offers a ten-week course on the National England and Wales. Providing the time and amention no school can easily give, the unit aims to rid the youngsters of their tantrums in a slow and patient approach that rewards good behaviour and contains the bad. The film dispels the idea that difficult children necessarily come from inadequate homes. One of the least controllable, four-year-old Joe, is the son of a primary school teacher and her executive husband. Graef, who made his name with an unforgettable study of Thames Valley Police and its brutal way with a rape victim, milks the subject with his usual observational skill. Peter Waymark

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5.40 BUDGET 96 Dermoi Mumaghan and Nicholas Owen analyse the Budget (T) (852046) 6.10 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (105201) 6,35 HTV NEWS (1) (378220)

7.00 EMMERDALE (1) (3891) 7.30 THE MIDDLE AGES Ray Gosting meets people who have made major changes to their lives during middle age (r) (591) 8.00 THE BILL: Mirror Image Boulton arrest a young black woman for drug dealing

out Rawton begins to suspect she may be the victim of mistaken identity (9201) 8,30 THE COOK REPORT Roger Cook goes undercover to expose more shady companies and conmen (1) (8336)



Nealon and Skilbeck (9,00pm)

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER As war becomes a reality, Sarah and Forsythe's relationship reaches crisis point. With Ben Nealon and Alison Skifbeck (T) (7317)

10,00 NEWS and weather (1) (90201) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (409133)

10.40 BUDGET 96: CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (1) (796171) 10.50 Breaking the Cycle The work of a unit that helps disruptive children to change their behaviour (T)

11.50 CANVAS This week's discussion is on, public art — accessible sculpture or vacuous junk? Last in series (469775)

12.20am HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (4598973) 12.50 FOOTBALL (2189263) 1.35 FILM: TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE (1989) staming Patrick Duffy, Loni Anderson and Glynnis O'Connor. A successful author falls in love and eventually marries a beautiful woman despite numerous warnings from her family about her essiveness (121379)

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4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (220) 4.30 Countdown (T) (404) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (5666336) 5.45 Carrytn Dad (r) (T)

6.00 BABYLON 5 (r) (578959) 6.50 FRESH POP (611607)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (9775) 8.00 RIDE ON Alain de Cadenet takes a

Spitfire up for a solo flight. Mark Walton acts as referee in a battle over bubble 8.30 BROOKSIDE At the end of her tether with

both her son and her husband, Jackie must make a decision concerning her future (T) (6978)



Trainees search for clues (9.00pm)

9.00 BLACK BOX: Deadly
Weather First in a four-part series protiting the work of air crash

10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY A psychologist arrives to appraise the team's mental health (T) (982171)

10.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (r) (T) (238171)

11.05 NORTHERN EXPOSURE: Eye of the Beholder Maggie donates a pricek heirloom to a charity auction (T) (669602) 12.00 LUMBERJACKS OK! Continuing the series from the Canadian town of Squarnish, Georgey Spanswick visits the hottest bar in town Plus log birling. loggers' breaklasts and the talest in fashion (7458824)

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Radleys (r) (7131466) 2.05 JIMI HENDRIX PLAYS THE ISLE OF WIGHT Just days before his untimely death, Hendrix gave his final European concert (r) (8746282)

3.10 FILM: The American Clock (1993) staming Mary McDonnell, David Stratham and Darren McGavin. Adaptation of Arthur Miller's play about survivors of America's Great Depression. Directed by Bob Clark (8940824)

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26 1996

Absence of big names propels German to commanding RAC Rally win

Schwarz quick to capitalise on devaluation

By OLIVER HOLT

LAST year the world championship was at stake and Colin McRae won the Network Q RAC Rally by a nail-biting margin of 36sec. This year nothing was at stake and Armin Schwarz, a journeyman German, coasted to the finish in Chester at dusk vesterday with a cushion of 7min 52sec. Talk about "after the Lord Mayor's Show".

Treacherous conditions and the early exits of the few bigname drivers who bothered to compete in an event that, for the first time in many years. was not part of the world championship, robbed the rally of much of the drama that has captivated supporters in the past two seasons, in particular when McRae pushed British rallying to new heights.

Yesterday the leading British finisher was Mark Higgins, from the Isle of Man, who drove his Nissan Sunny superbly to finish on top of the times in two of the day's stages and end the rally in fourth place. Still, he was hardly met with the euphoria that greeted

ensuring that Schwarz, in his Subaru to the top of the winner's ramp at Chester Toyota Celica, was free to amble to the finish in perfect racecourse this time last year. rallying conditions, comfort-This year the rally, which will be restored to the champably ahead of Kamioka, in a Subaru Impreza, and Stig Blomovist, 50, from Sweden in a Skoda, ionship next season, was bound to be something of an anticlimax, but the absence of McRae, Carlos Sainz and Tommi Makinen, the new who had had an even more crushing win 13 years ago. Schwarz, who deserves

FINAL POSITIONS

world champion, the travails

, J Easson (GB, Ford) at 27:09; 7, key (GB, Subaru) at 30:04; 8, H era (Fin, Seat) at 33:50; 9, E Weber

Juha Kankkunen, Ari Vatanen and Alister McRae and the biggest winning margin since 1983 turned it into a soporific side-show.

Even the snow, that had fallen so copiously on Saturday and Sunday to play its part in sabotaging the event. saved its worst for last yester-

to stay on the tracks all the Yesterday, as Schwarz continued his stately progress towards Chester through the nine stages in the forests of mid-Wales, most attention centred on the downfall of Martin Brundle, the Formula One driver, who seemed to have recovered his poise after a miserable first day and was edging his way back up

> Brundle, who was in 73rd place overnight, had overtaken five cars on the first stage of the day at Hafren, a rare achievement in a sport in which competitors set off at one-minute intervals, and was trying to pass a sixth when he kidded into a ditch.

was overwhelmed by his win.

outsider, driving as he was in

one of the few four-wheel cars

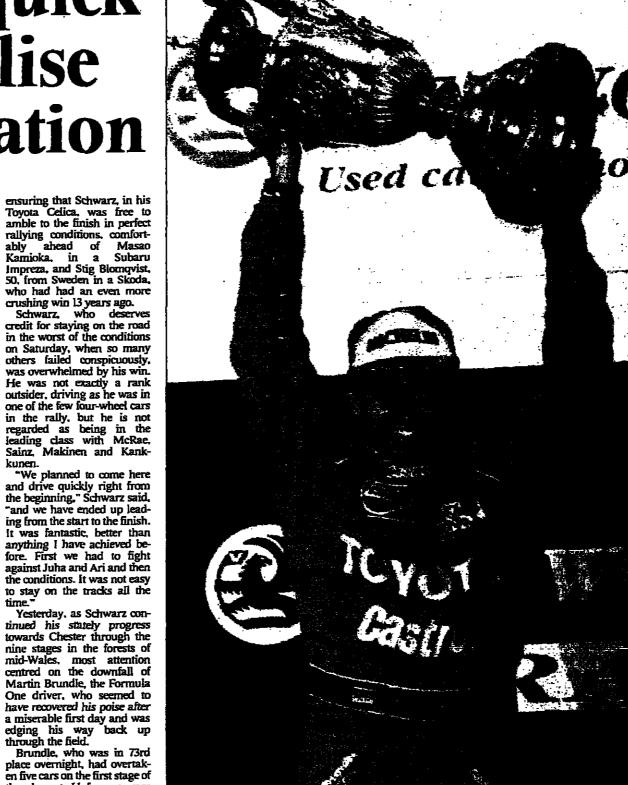
and drive quickly right from the beginning," Schwarz said,

and we have ended up lead-

anything I have achieved be-

the conditions. It was not easy

He kept his foot on the accelerator in the hope of extricating himself and Roger Freeman, his co-driver, but succeeded only in slamming his Ford Escort into a bank. The impact caused a turbo fire and they had to make a hasty



The trophy is lifted by Schwarz after an RAC Rally deprived of the drama of recent years.

"It was going beautifully," Brundle said. "We had passed a lot of cars, but we hit the banking at about 60mph so there was no way back. It was no big drama, but we are both a bit sore because we came to a rather sudden stop. It was a shame because it was starting

You cannot afford to stop

concentrating for a second because there are pitfalls at every turn. On the first day I was out of my depth and I was wondering why I was doing it, but you learn things the hard way and soak up the experience. I had never driven on snow tyres before Saturday and I did not enjoy it at all.

"Today I could have cruised

got to go out and get myself a job first. In truth, it was too big a challenge, but I would not have missed it for the world."

round and made it to the

finish, but I did not want to do

that just to prove that a grand-

prix driver could last it out;

but I do not want to leave it

like this. I don't know when I

will do it again because I have

Webb victory makes her talk of town

Young Australian golfer hits the jackpot in Las Vegas and tops US money-list

The people of the small sugar farming town of Ayr, Australia, were up carly yesterday make golf history. Many among the 9,000 residents were watching a satellite television broadcast of the final round of the US LPGA Tour Championship in Las Vegas, where Karrie Webb. secure her place at the top of the US money-list with earn-ings of \$1,002,000 (about £626,250).

Members of Webb's family, including her mother, Evelyn, her father, Robert, and her sisters. Katie and and Janelle, packed into the home of her coach, Kelvin Haller, to watch the closing holes of the tournament. "The phone kept ringing with people asking how she was going—the whole town was watching." Evelyn said.
"Everyone was crying by the

For Webb, already names as the rookie of the year, the victory — her fourth of the was the first golfer to win \$1 million in a single US LPGA season, three years after leaving her family's fastfood shop in Ayr, which is almost 1,000 miles north of Brisbane, and playing the many's only solly course. town's only golf course.

Her triumph also denied Laura Davies, the world No 1, of celebrating her own double — that of topping the money-lists in Europe and pointed: I had wanted it vear. Davies said, thut, f you are going to get beat, one of the best. All year Karrie's shown how good she is."

The Briton had to settle for the consolation that her prize-money for fifth place in Las Vegas made her the first woman golfer to earn £1 million worldwide in a sin-

Webb telephoned her parents before starting her final round "When Robert and I got off the phone, we just looked at each other and said: 'She's going to win In a tearful victory speech.

Webb gave a special mention to her coach. "I'd like to thank Kelvin Haller, I saw han last week for the first time in months and he really turned my game around," she said. Haller has coached Webb since she was 12, but wheelchair for several years after suffering complications after surgery. When Webb returned to Australia earlier this month complain-

this," Evelyn said. "She jus

ing of having problems with her swing. Haller made a 1,000 mile journey to the Gold Coast to advise her. It was not just Ayr that



Webb celebrates making a neitt on her way to victor

was rejoicing in Webb's triumph yesterday Mick Veivers, the Sports Minister of Queensland, was boastlfers in the world, in Greg ... Norman and Webb. Norman, the world No L

said Webb had scaled an "extra level" with her victory in Las Vegas and said he had spoken with her earlier this mouth about the pressure of winning tournaments. "I know she had a lot of pressure ... which she put on herself to go out there. and win,"Norman said. "Knowing you've got the pressure and then going out and winning ... she's gone that extra level higher now."

Charlton teenager fails drug test

By JOHN GOODBODY

JAY NOTLEY, 18, a Charlton Athletic midfield player, faces a lengthy ban from football after testing positive for a cocktail of drugs, consisting of cocaine, cannabis and Ecstasy. The FA has charged Notley, who is in his first year as a professional, with misconduct and he has been suspended until his case is heard by a disciplinary committee. Steve Double, the FA

spokesman, said: "It is the first time we have come across a cocktail of drugs like this, so it is obviously a serious matter. Cocaine and Ecstasy are class A drugs, and cocaine is a performance-enhancing drug,

Notley was caught when the FA's drug-testing unit visited Charlton's training ground on November 4, two days after he

THE British Athletic Federa-

returned from a month on loan with Dagenham and Redbridge, the Icis premier out of it successfully."

league club. Notley is the third player from Charlton to be caught by random tests. Lee Bowyer, the England Under-21 international who is now with Leeds United, and Dean Chandler were given counselling, while Craig Sloan, a fourth Charlton player, has confessed publicly to drug abuse.

Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said: "We are very disappointed. No other football club has worked as hard as we have. We have had drugs awareness talks for everyone and we have been doing in-house testing.
"Jay has not featured in the

first team and barely played for the reserves here. He has lost his way on the field lately as well as off it. Perhaps, they are connected; I don't know. I hope and wish that he takes the rehabilitation and comes

The revelation is also a blow to the FA, the game's governing body in England, which is spending El million on a campaign against excessive drinking and the taking of drugs. All 147 of its centres of



Notley: suspended

ers aimed at youngsters, featuring cartoon figures such

as "Joe the Joint".

Notley's is the first positive sample to emerge from the 300 taken this season, but comes in the wake of a spate of findings and controversies over the past two season. In 1994-95 there were 12 positive tests in English football, of which eight were for marijua-na and one for an amphetamines, and there was also the admission by Paul Merson, the Arsenal forward, that he had taken cocaine.

Last season the figure dropped to seven positive drugs cases, five of which were for marijuana. Roger Stanislaus, of Leyton Orient, took cocaine and was banned from football for a year and sacked by his club.

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Athletes' Association's profes-

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tion (BAF) is so hard up that it will not be sending a full squad to the European cross

country championships in Charleroi, Belgium, next month, thereby undermining an outstanding chance of team gold medals in the men's race. In another indication of how parlous the federation's finances have become, nat-

> the cost of telephone calls. The BAF yesterday named the six men charged with improving on the bronze medals won last year, but confirmed that the two reserves would be non-travelling. Should one or more of the six fall sick, or be injured, close to the race, the team will line up

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David Powell reports on the cost-cutting measures that could dent medal hopes

British athletics runs out of money

short. How distressing it would be for British men's cross country if it was to be denied its greatest day since England's last world title win, in 1980, by cash constraints. After sustaining losses of

some £750,000 in 1995 and 1996, forcing cuts in the BAF's support to the regions, leagues and clubs, the sport in Great Britain has been left jogging on the spot, pending assistance from the National Lottery and the overdue signing of a new domestic television contract. At a BAF national conference ten days ago, Phil Banning, the federadurance running, said: "The national coaches have been told to freeze their budgets. They cannot reclaim the cost of telephone calls. Their calls sponsor British athletics." The conference was held in

a mood of optimism after the Government announced that £20 million a year of lottery money would go to the national governing bodies of sport from next March. With rescue in sight, and television and sponsorship deals imminent, Banning hopes that the team will triumph in Charleroi, because "it would be a nice start to the new era". Geoff Parsons, the British

taking reserves was "an ac-ceptable risk", bearing in mind the financial circumstances. Neil Caddy is the athlete who will feel hard done by. He has been omitted after winning two big domestic races, in Margate and Bristol, this month and has been listed as first reserve. Christian Stephenson has been preferred to Caddy

largely because he can a personal best track 5,000 metres in Chiba, Japan, on Saturday and has more of a pedigree over the country. AMS: Men: S Barden (GEC), J Brown heffsidi, D Burrotte (Brchfield), K Culfer heffsidi, D Burrotte (Brchfield), K Culfer Cospherson (Cardin): Rosentes: N Cardy learney), F Taylor (Bonder): Women: L-Cott (Shalesbury), H Hayling, (Gingport), Hartigan (Birchfeld): Significations (Brchfeld): Birchfeld): Reserved: H.